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British socialite Peggy Cripps, daughter of the late Sir Stafford Cripps, and bridegroom Joseph Appiah, Negro law student from Africa's Gold Coast, hold hands after their wedding yesterday in fashionable St. John's Church in London.

Son of African Tribal Chief Weds Daughter of Cripps

LONDON July 18 (P).—Enid Margaret Cripps, fair-haired youngest daughter of the late Sir Stafford Cripps, was married today to Joseph Appiah, Negro law student from the Gold Coast, before primly dressed Britons and robed Ashanti tribesmen at fashionable St. John's Church.

The bride is a tall, buxom woman of 32; the bridegroom, an inch or two shorter, is the bespectacled son of a tribal leader and personal representative in London of the Prime Minister of the Gold Coast, a British West African colony.

Appiah wore the brilliant crimson, green and yellow-striped ceremonial dress of the Ashanti tribe. The bride wore a gown of embroidered silk brocade.

Lady Cripps, widow of the Laborite leader who was a post-war chancellor of the Exchequer, and her English friends stood in the church beside the Gold Coast Africans in their brilliant native robes and sang the hymn: "There is no East or West, or

North or South, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide world."

While handkerchiefs fluttered and Appiah's fellow tribesmen held aloft lucky charms, the newlyweds drove off in a car flying the Union Jack and the Gold Coast flag. They will honeymoon in Paris.

The Church of England ceremony was performed by the Rev. N. A. Perry-Gore, who blessed the marriage as one "full of possibilities."

Appiah told well-wishers at a reception:

"We hope, in spite of the difficulties and vicissitudes of life and in spite of the difficulties and obstacles that may come our way, that the two of us will remain true to the obligations we have solemnly taken today. We hope, too, that, because of us, others will take courage."

The couple will settle in the Gold Coast where Appiah will go into politics.

Sir Stafford's Daughter Weds Africdn Tribesman

LONDON, July 18 (P).—Socialite Peggy Cripps and Negro law student Joseph Appiah from the Gold Coast were married Saturday in London's fashionable St. John's Church.

Friends of the bridegroom in brilliant Ashanti tribal dress acted as ushers for the bridegroom's guests. They made a striking contrast with the sober English morning dress of striped trousers, cutaway coat and lavender waist-coats worn by the ushers for the bride's family.

One of the bridegroom's guests, H. L. O. George, of Gambia, wore voluminous robes of yellow and black and carried a wooden native snake charm throughout the ceremony.

THE BRIDE, buxom, brown-haired and 32, is the youngest daughter of the late Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the former Labor government. Appiah, also 32, is the personal representative in this country of the Gold Coast prime minister.



Newlyweds Joseph and Peggy Appiah

Cripps' Daughter Weds African Malanists How

LONDON—While Malanists in South Africa were howling and ranting against mixed marriages in England, pretty Peggy Cripps, youngest daughter of the late Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, and Joseph Emanuel Appiah, 32, an Ashanti tribesman from Africa's Gold Coast, were wed in a color-information about Africa.

"I just love him, and love is a greater thing than color or creed or race — or anything," Miss Cripps declared during an interview.

Vows were said in St. John's church.

The bridegroom, a law student and temporary representative in

London of the Gold Coast prime minister, wore an Ashanti ceremonial costume of red, yellow, black and green-striped silk.

The red-haired bride, also 32, wore a mother-of-pearl silk brocade dress.

George Pamore, a West Indian, was best man.

Among some 200 guests attending were African chieftains and British socialites. A reception was held later at a Mayfair hotel.

Lady Cripps, the bride's mother, invited many of her late husband's former cabinet colleagues. The couple may settle at Kumasi, capital of Ashanti, where Attlee and Aneurin Bevan. Appiah is leader of the Convention People's Party, of Accra, where Miss Cripps was seeking capital of the Gold Coast.

Recently V. R. Swart, Minister of Justice for South Africa, commented: "If England continues to allow mixed marriages such as now adays publicized in the British press, the English will become a bastard race before they realize it. I fail to understand why the English, who through the ages remained white, expose themselves now to the risk of bastardization."

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AFRICA



ENGAGED — African Prince Olasupo Awogboro of Nigeria and 18-year-old Edelgard Groth of Germany are shown

after announcing their engagement. Edelgard met the prince in England while on an ex-

change-student tour, and her parents consented to the marriage.



Honeymoon Talk—Just before they took off for their Paris honeymoon following their colorful marriage in London on July 18, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Appiah (Peggy Cripps, daughter of the late Sir Stafford Cripps, former Chancellor of the Exchequer), discussed their future plans with Sam Morris, secretary of the League of Colored people.

African prince, blonde to marry

HAMLIN, Germany—The parents of a pretty 19-year-old German student, last week, announced in a newspaper advertisement here her engagement to Prince Olasupo, 25-year-old Nigerian student, who wooed and won the girl while she was in England on a student exchange trip.

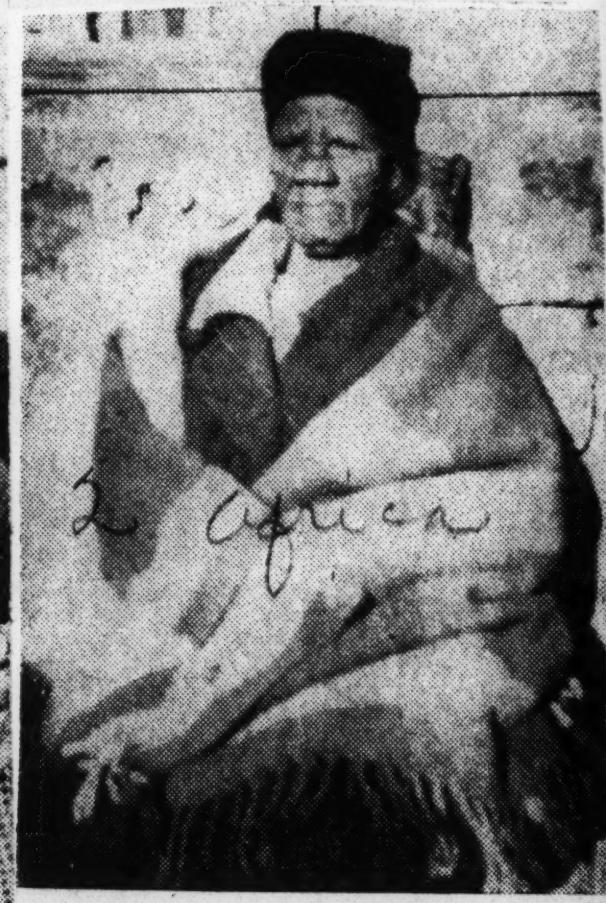
The betrothed girl, Edelgard Grothe, is the blonde daughter of a Hamlin municipal employee. Olasupo leads a tribe of 7,000 subjects in the neighborhood of Lagos, Nigeria.

The couple plans to go there after he completes his law studies in London; and they are to be married in December.

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Storm Center

Blonde, blue-eyed Mavis must go before a children's court to decide whether she is to be brought up as a colored or a European child. Physicians indicate that from a medical point of view there is nothing to indicate she is not of pure European descent. The Zulu woman wants the child returned to her.—INP Photo.



In African Race Controversy

German Girl, African Prince To Wed

HAMLIN, Germany—The third marriage in recent years between Africans of royal blood and white European women is slated to take place in December.

Prince Olasupo Awogboro, 25, and Edelgard Grothe, 19, announced their intentions of marrying in a local newspaper. He is from Lagos Nigeria and she is the blonde daughter of a Hamlin municipal employee. They met while both were students in London.

Prince Olasupo reportedly is the head of a tribe of some 70,000 persons in Nigeria. After marriage, the couple will live in Nigeria.

When the prince and his blonde sweetheart marry, it will be the third marriage in recent years between an African of royal blood and a white European woman.

The first united Seretse Khama, ruler designate of the Bamangwato tribe in Bechuanaland, and a London typist, Miss Ruth Williams. The second saw Joseph Appiah of the Gold Coast marry Miss Enid Margaret Cripps, daughter of Sir Stafford Cripps, late British labor Minister.



AFRICAN PRINCE, Olasupo Awogboro of Nigeria and 18-year-old Edelgard Grothe of Germany.



NIGERIAN PRINCE AND FIANCÉE — Prince Olasupo Awogboro of Nigeria, is shown here going over a family album with his fiancée, 18-year-old Edelgard Grothe, of Hamelin, Germany. After they won parental consent to their marriage when the Prince promised he would not follow in the footsteps of his father, the Oba of Ibokuhu (who has 22 wives), the couple set down to compose a 20-page guest list. The Prince and the German girl met on a train in England last summer. He will someday reign over 80,000 Africans in Lagos, Nigeria. (Newspress Photo.)

White Husband And Kikuyu Bride Exiled And Now Live In London As Fugitives From Kenya

By EDWARD SCOBIE

he studied in Liverpool and by 1942 when his training was over he left to work in Uganda, and thence to Nairobi when he met Joyce. About their meeting Healy says:

He managed to get another job as a labour supervisor with a flour-milling firm but was sacked.

BITTER YEARS

For four bitter years of fear, Kikuyu wife. From then on, and hunger, and separation they were for the same reason, he was hounded from one place to another out of a succession of jobs, other in Kenya, always forced and when his money ran out his to keep moving on. Now at last wife and himself and small baby they have reached Britain almost penniless (they had to borrow five shillings, about 8 cents, for their car fare from London airport) but decided to go through a civil ceremony and marry again. They posted banns and waited for the three-weeks time limit before marriage. Then Healy discovered that

Because these two young people the Immigration Department had of different races dared to love bought his single plane ticket to and marry each other in Euro-London.

pean dominated Kenya, they have RACED TIME lost all their worldly goods — It was now a race against Healy had to give up his work, his time, and he decided to hide till even went to prison—while Joyce after the ceremony, choosing to has abandoned her career as a teacher, left her family and friends, probably forever, to face life in the old world where, happily, Europeans have to curb their tropical arrogance, and cannot behave with bestiality to Negroes. "Soon I realized I was in a tongue. One was a pretty girl Joyce Wanjiko. She lived farthest from the school and I used to drive her home every night from my class.

PICKED CAREER

From his childhood days in Dublin Tim Healy decided that he would become a missionary. At 1



TIM HEALY and his pretty Kikuyu wife, Joyce, and their two-year-old daughter are now living in London having been literally kicked out of Kenya. They are happy to be enjoying the freedom from us up against Kenya's strict owned no car presents of no

Tim Healy smiles fondly at his wife when he explains how he had to approach Joyce's father for her hand in marriage: "By Kikuyu custom I had to buy her," he says. "Normally the payment would have been in goats and cows."

prosecution, because in Kenya they suffered indignities because they dared to marry on the Dark continent because of the differences in race.

owned no cattle so I brought presents of meat and flour and European food." They started their married life in a small bungalow seven miles outside Nairobi. Everything seemed

FOLLOWED CUSTOM

Healy and Joyce were married according to her tribe's native custom in 1949, a form of marriage which is legal and binding in Kenya. Then in September, 1950, he was sacked from his job as a teacher. The reason given was that he was 'unsuitable.' On Boxing Day of that same

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year a daughter was born to his wife.

"I knew, having brought a child into the world, that my duty but in the slum quarter of Nairobi.

FINAL BLOW

The final blow came last November when Colonel Mitchell of Kenya's Immigration Department ordered Healy's deportation. Appeals to the Governor Sir Evelyn Baring failed, and the Irish missionary realized that if he was deported under Kenya regulations his wife and child would be forced to stay behind unless he could pay their fares to Britain. For the authorities, seeking every loophole to separate Healy from his Kikuyu wife, refused to recognize his tribal marriage.

So to make sure that they would be deported together he and Joyce me for maintenance for her and the baby," says Healy, "and she did."

He was sent to a prison crowded with Kikuyus suspected of Mau Mau activities.

Joyce waived her maintenance claims just before the wedding. Healy left prison, and the ceremony was performed according to plan.

A few days later Kenya's strongarm European police arrived in an armoured car and bundled the Healy's and their young child away to Nairobi airport, dumping them on a London-bound plane. No explanations were given. White supremacy had won a dubious victory.



ROYAL WEDDING — Capt. Hamish Millar-Craig, assistant financial secretary of the Gold Coast, recently married Rosebud Ohene, niece of a Gold Coast chieftain. They met in Kumasi, Africa in 1944 and were "good friends" for many years. The Captain brought his bride to England, where they were married in South Kensington, with both families in attendance. They are honeymooning in Scotland. (Newspress Photo)

British Official, African Girl Wed

ST. JUDES, South Kensington (AP)—A British official of the Gold Coast government married the daughter of an African chieftain here last week.

Hemish M. Craig, younger son of a British captain and 35-year-old assistant financial secretary of the Gold Coast, married the 28-year-old daughter of Ohene, a Gold Coast tribal leader.

There were three bridesmaids — one colored and two white. The Briton's older brother was best man.

E. S. Butterworth, trade commissioner to the Gold Coast in London, said he had no record of the wedding then, but years ago this would have been frowned upon, but not today.

The colonial house, however, refused to comment.

Enid Cripps to Wed African Law Student



Associated Press Radiophoto
Miss Enid Margaret Cripps and Joseph Appiah announcing their engagement at a press conference yesterday in London.

LONDON, May 28 (AP)—Miss Enid Margaret Cripps, youngest daughter of the late Sir Stafford Cripps, announced today that she would be married to Joseph Appiah, son of a Gold Coast Negro tribal leader.

Miss Cripps is 32. Her fiance, a law student, declined to give his exact age when the couple broke the news in the studio of a British artist, Felix Topolski, but Miss Cripps said he was about her age.

Sir Stafford, who died in 1952, was Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Attlee Labor Government.

Mr. Appiah and Miss Cripps said their families approved of the marriage.

"My mother, Lady Cripps, will most certainly attend our wedding in London in July," said Miss Cripps.

Mr. Appiah said he hoped members of his family on the Gold Coast, including his father, J. W. K. Appiah, would attend the wedding.

Mr. Appiah said they planned to live in Kumasi, a provincial town in the Gold Coast, a British colony on the west coast of

age." *Yours truly,*
Peggy is the daughter of one of the most distinguished men in recent British public life. Her father, who died in 1952, was a member of the British labor government, a leader in the Christian church and a distinguished lawyer. He was chancellor of the exchequer in the Attlee labor government.

The couple said they first met at an African Students Union party in London nearly two years ago.



ROYALTY WEDS — Joseph Appiah, son of an African Ashanti tribal chief, is shown in native costume with his bride, the former Peggy Cripps, daughter of the late Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Stafford Cripps, after their marriage in London's St. John church last week. Appiah is currently studying law in London and serving as temporary representative of the Gold Coast Prime Minister.

Cripps Daughter Says She Plans Marriage To Negro Law Student

LONDON, May 28 (AP) — Enid Margaret (Peggy) Cripps, youngest daughter of the late Sir Stafford Cripps, announced today her forthcoming marriage "for love" to Joseph Appiah, Negro law student and son of a Gold Coast tribal leader.

Miss Cripps, a tall, buxom, brown haired woman of 32, made the announcement jointly with her smaller, bespectacled fiance, at a news conference in the studio of British artist Felix Topolski.

Appiah, who received part of his education in England and is the personal representative of the Gold Coast prime minister in Britain, smilingly declined to give his exact age.

"In my country," he said, "a man's age is always his own secret."

Miss Cripps, however, interrupted to say "I am about my

LOVE KNOWS NO PEER



Joseph Emmanuel Appiah, 32-year-old Ashanti tribal chief, is shown in native costume with his bride, the former Peggy Cripps, daughter of the late Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps of Britain. After their marriage at St. John's church in London last week, the representative of the Gold Coast Prime Minister and his bride left on a honeymoon trip to his native land. The impressive wedding ceremony was witnessed by hundreds of British socialites and African chiefs.—(Newspress Photo)

NEAR ROYALTY TURNS OUT TO WEDDING OF MARGARET CRIPPS AND SON OF HIGH AFRICAN CHIEF

Hundreds Jam Swank St. John's Church In London to View Interracial Union

NEWLYWEDS ON HONEYMOON IN PARIS

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LONDON — (ANP) — Native African culture centuries old hobnobbed with modern western fashion Saturday as Joseph Emmanuel Appiah, 32, of the Gold Coast was married to Miss Enid Margaret (Peggy) Cripps, also 32, of London.

Appiah officially is the personal representative of Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah in London. He also is a leader of Nkrumah's Convention People's Party in the Gold Coast and a law student in London. His father is J. W. K. Appiah, chief secretary of the Ashanti, a federation of Kumasi in the Gold Coast.

Miss Cripps is the socially prominent youngest daughter of the late Sir Stafford Cripps, one of the high-ranking members of the British Labor party and former Chancellor of the Exchequer of Great Britain. Miss Cripps during the recent Coronation was often a guest at private social gatherings given for Queen Elizabeth II.

Conducting the ceremonies was Rev. N. A. Perry-Gore. He said the newly-weds in part:

"The whole world is watching you as you go out from this church to live a new life together in Christ—a life which knows no barriers."

The newlyweds are now on a short honeymoon in Paris, France. They plan to first settle in the burg of St. John's in London.

In late fall they plan to make their permanent home in a modern three-story home in the bride's native Kumasi.

Top-hatted British society hobnobbed with bearded and unshaved Africans clad in variegated Ashanti costumes at the wedding and at the reception held one of London's more fashionable restaurants.

Among the guests were Aneurin Bevan, prominent leader of the British labor party, H. L. O. George, a native of Gambia and a close friend of the groom. While a number of Africans came barefooted, the British donned western clothing. The wedding, it

part: "There is no East or West, or North or South, but one great fellowship of love throughout the world." The happy couple drove off in an automobile carrying the Union Jack and the Gold Coast flags.

self, was the usual Church of England service. One of the ushers carried two native snake charms to insure "all good fortune" to the newlyweds. Among the hymns sung at the wedding, one which read in



RACE HAS NO MEANING for the couples in these two photos, shown following their recent weddings in England. In photo at left, an African, Joseph Appiah takes as his bride 32-year-old Peggy Cripps, youngest daughter

ter of the late Sir Stafford Cripps, Britain's one-time chancellor of exchequer. In photo right, a Scottish blue-blood, Capt. Hamish Millar-Craig, takes as his wife Rosebud Ohene, daughter of an African God Coast chieftan.

Capt. Craig is assistant financial secretary of the Gold Coast. Both weddings were attended by happy friends and relatives.

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Alabama

Had Clothes On

**Truck Driver, *ala.*
Maid 'Trapped,'
Fined \$25.00 *2***

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A 64-year-old white Memphis, Tenn., truck driver and a 40-year-old maid, ~~trapped together~~ in a hotel room, were fined \$25 and court costs here last week on charges of disorderly conduct.

Detectives testified they found Algie Meeks McManus, of 1027 Tanglewood, Memphis, in the nude and Mrs. Estelle Reese Adams of 474 1/2 Street South, standing about "five or six feet inside the room" in regular working uniform.

Mrs. Adams said she had entered the room to do her cleaning not realizing McManus was there. She said she used a pass key to gain entrance.

McManus, a driver for the Hoover Trucking Lines of Nashville, claimed he had just bathed and was about to dress when the maid entered.



Race Plays Major Part In Lawsuit

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White Man Seeks To Regain Children From Colored Foster Dad

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OAKLAND, Calif. — A ruling in Contra Costa County Superior Court changing custody of two children from the mother to the father because she mar-

ried a Negro is being appealed in the California District Court of Appeals.

An order from Judge Harold Jacoby restraining the father from taking the children out of the state pending the appeal has also been granted.

THE MOTHER, Mrs. Barbara Taylor, at present has custody of the children pending the appeal.

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The father, Walter Smith, is now in California with an attorney from Salt Lake City, where he wants to take the children, Amanda, age 10, and Eric, age 3, to live.

Mrs. Taylor will carry the

Amanda Smith, Mrs. Barbara Taylor, and seated on lap, Eric Smith and Ralph Taylor. Mrs. Taylor is being represented by Atty. Truehaft.

On February 8, Judge Wakefield Taylor ruled for the father without comment.

Smith had charged that the present husband of his ex-wife, Barbara, is of 'questionable character' and admitted that it was the fact that Taylor is a Negro that was 'questionable'.

MRS. TAYLOR'S attorneys charge that depriving a woman of her children because she married outside her race is a violation of a California State Supreme Court ruling four years ago finding unconstitutional a state law that had banned mixed marriages.

Interracial Marriage Is Basic Issue

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Mrs. Barbara Taylor, white wife of a Negro, last week

appealed a ruling rendered by a Contra Costa county superior court judge which changed custody of her two children to the father because she married a colored man.

Judge Harold Jacoby has issued an order restraining the father from taking the children out of the state pending outcome of the appeal. The children, Amanda, 10, and Eric, 3, will remain with Mrs. Taylor until a final decision is rendered by the California district court.

Attorneys for Mrs. Taylor charge that depriving a woman of her children because she married outside of her race is a violation of a California state supreme court ruling four years ago finding unconstitutional a state law that had banned mixed marriages.

Mrs. Taylor divorced her white husband, Walter Smith, in 1949, and was granted uncontested custody of the couple's two children. It was not until she married Taylor that Smith sought custody of the children.

In testimony in court, Smith charged that the mental and physical health of his children was being adversely affected by their living with their mother and Taylor. He also charged that Taylor was of questionable character and attempted to discourage the children's calling him father, while encouraging them to call his new wife mother.

However, evidence presented in court showed that the charges were groundless. The children were examined and shown to be in good physical and mental health. And the only "questionable" side of Taylor's character appeared to be the fact that he is a Negro.

However, in regard to the effect of mixed marriages on the mental health of the children, a psychiatrist supported the mother.

Dr. Mary Alice Sarvis, director of the Child Psychiatry Clinic at Permanente hospital, testified that the children would be better off with their mother.

She said there might be tensions but they would be of "a minor nature" compared to change of custody for a child, who, not knowing the meaning of bias, is transplanted into an atmosphere of strict segregation.

Judge Wakefield Taylor, did not offer any explanation for rendering his decision which supported the father's claim to the children.



Newlyweds—Veteran screen actor Bill Walker is pictured with his bride, Hannah Robinson Linden, whom he wed in quiet but impressive rites at the Winfeld Club in Los Angeles.—Smith Photo.

Film Colony Surprised

Actor Bill Walker Takes White Bride

2 Calif By LIBBY CLARK

HOLLYWOOD—The film colony was pleasantly surprised last week when William (Bill) Walker, veteran actor and board member of Screen Actor's Guild, took Hannah Robinson Linden, white, as his wife.

Impressive interracial wedding was held at the swank Winfeld Club in West Los Angeles with seventy-five of the couple's relatives and intimate friends witnessing the ceremony. The Rev. Dwight D. Turpeau officiated.

2 Calif ENTERING the flower-decked bridal bower on the arm of her brother, David Robinson, the bride was statuesque and radiant in a *Lili Ann* Original of icicle wool. She chose rhine stone accessories, black illusion sandals and a grey half hat to complete her attire and complemented the same with a corsage of white orchids.

2 Calif At first striking after five creations of champagne faille and still carrying out the interracial theme of the wedding, Mrs. Naomi Robinson, sister-in-law of the bride, served as matron of honor, along with Mrs. Elizabeth Porter. Each carried nosegays of pink carnations.

2 Calif David Robinson was the junior bridesmaid, and ringbearers were Joshua Robinson and Howard Porter. Christopher Keen completed the wedding party.

Samuel DeBoe served the groom as best man.

2 Calif RECEIVING guests with the newlyweds at a reception which held sway at the same locale immediately following the wedding was Mrs. Carrie Walker, mother of the groom. Her dinner dress of navy blue was tailored, and she complemented the same with matching accessories and a white stole.

Harold Brown played the wedding music, as well as the incidental music for the reception. Matthew Gelesner was soloist.

The couple honeymooned at an undisclosed location.

Walker, one of the better known Negro screen actors has appeared in over two hundred

for custody of the children. Smith asked the court to award him the children on the grounds that his former wife had entered into a "mixed marriage" with Willie Taylor, a Negro, and that living in a mixed home would be harmful to his daughter.

AFTER DIVORCE

During the hearing Smith for the first time asked for custody of his son, which was born six months after the divorce. The boy had never seen his father.

Judge Wakefield Taylor awarded custody of both children to Smith, but the decision was appealed on the grounds the decision was made solely on the basis of race-discrimination. Mrs. Taylor was then awarded the children's custody pending appeal.

White Father Abducts His Two Children

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OAKLAND, Calif.—Walter Smith, thwarted in his recent move to obtain custody of his children from his former wife who married a Negro, took matters into his own hands last Friday and kidnapped them, police said.

An "all points" bulletin was issued for Smith's apprehension and arrest shortly after Mrs. Barbara Taylor reported the theft of her two children to police officials. The arrest was ordered by school authorities.

2 Calif One of the children, Amanda, was abducted from a classroom at Codornice Grammar School and dragged off screaming in the presence of her teacher to a waiting auto.

FRONT YARD

2 Calif Police said Mrs. Taylor reported a short time later that Smith snatched his three-year-old son, Eric, from the Taylor's front yard.

The legal battle which climaxed in the abduction began last summer when Smith illegally detained his 10-year-old daughter in violation of a court order.

A court battle was then begun

WHITE EX MUST PAY COURT COSTS:**Mixed Pair Wins Round
In Battle Over Children**

By FRANK SANTOS

OAKLAND, Calif. — The second round of a court battle between a mixed couple and a white ex-husband to gain permanent custody of their two white children was won by the couple this week.

In a fight to maintain their home, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Taylor of Berkeley won court costs from the ex-husband of Mrs. Taylor, Walter Smith.

The legal fight which has been long and bitter will resume in the District Court of Appeals, in San Francisco at a date to be announced later.

In the Superior Court of Contra Costa County where the case originated, Smith won custody of the children involved. The decision was appealed by the Taylors.

Won Custody Once

Highlight of the battle is the fact that the ex-Mrs. Smith, who is white, remarried, now has a colored husband. This marriage was the grounds used by her former husband as he sought to secure the custody of the children, Amanda 10, and Eric, 3 because he said they could not be happy raised in a mixed family.

However, evidence presented by the many witnesses who trooped to the witness stand showed the disputed children apparently were happy in their new home. This did not keep the judge who presided over the principal contention of the case from granting the former husband custody.

Granted Injunction

The Taylors pleaded for an injunction, and the decision was granted the couple an injunction to prevent execution of the edict.

According to Robert E. Truehaft, attorney for the Taylors, the principal argument presented by Smith, centers around the point that the ex-Mrs. Smith married a colored man.

In granting the former husband of Mrs. Taylor the chil-

lanted that he had lived apart from the children since the divorce that he had never contributed to the support of Eric, and that he did not consider seeking a change of custody until he heard that the mother had married a Negro. He testified further that at the time he filed for change of custody, he knew nothing of Mr. Taylor except his name and his race.

**Mixed Couple
Fight For
Custody Of
Wife's Kids**

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taking the unprecedented step of petitioning the court to grant him immediate custody of the children pending the appeal, charging that if the children remain with the mother and stepfather during the next few months, irreparable harm will be done.

Also unprecedented is the action which awarded custody of the youngest child, Eric, age 3, to the father, despite the fact that he had never shown the slightest interest in the child and had not asked for his custody.

At the trial in Martinez, the judge who presided over the principal contention of the case was that Mrs. Taylor's marriage to a Negro created a situation which would tend to cause emotional disturbances harmful to the child, Amanda, age 10.

However, in court testimony of physicians, psychiatrists, and Amanda's schoolteachers, established the fact that after having

lived in the home with her stepfather for almost 2 years, the child was in excellent health in both body and mind, and that it was her desire to remain with her

mother and stepfather.

At the Martinez trial Smith ad-

Dr. Shumate Sued for Divorce**Wife No. 4 Throws in Towel!**

community property holdings,

wife No. 4 says her husband LOS ANGELES—Dr. Lincoln makes \$3,500 monthly besides W. Shumate, the marrying having holdings in Vernbro medic, this week found him. Corporation, a gas station, self defendant in divorce ac- ings accounts in Citizens Na- tion filed late last week by tional Trust and Savings Bank, Ikalina Savoy Shumate, fourth Security First National Bank, of the beautiful women he's a 1951 Roadmaster Buick con- been married to in the past veritable, 1950 Chevrolet, house- six years.

Through her counsel, Atty. Vaine Hassan Spencer, the pretty Midwestern wife charged her prominent husband with adultery, naming as co-respondent one Margaret C. Piper, white

First, second and third of Shumate's numerous wives who wed and divorced him in rapid succession are Hazel, Ada and Anita Shumate, all of Los Angeles.

The couple married last June 26 in Las Vegas, Nev., and separated last March 19, he complained.

Petitioning the court to restrain the well-known special-

She received her formal training at Catholic Girls College there and for three years prior to coming to Los Angeles in June, 1951, was the only Negro supervisor in the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

Her husband's latest "heart interest" formerly resided in Long Beach, Mrs. Shumate told the Courier.



DR. AND MRS. SHUMATE
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To Appeal Court Ruling That Takes Children From Interracial Pair



MRS. BARBARA TAYLOR

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However, in court testimony of physicians, psychologists, etc.

HOW STUPID CAN YOU GET?

Racial intermarriage held covenant breakers' goal

LOS ANGELES — That the real goal of colored people who move into white neighborhoods

is racial intermarriage was the charge contained in a brief filed by attorneys for Mrs. Olive Barrows, last week, urging the U.S. Supreme Court to grant a rehearing in the case nullifying enforcement of race restrictive covenants on June 15.

Charging crimes to the colored race which even an ardent Ku Klux Klansman would shy at, the brief sets forth that colored people are "lawless" and that "when a house is occupied by them the neighboring property owners suffer severely."

The Supreme Court had held in its June 15 decision that signers of racial restrictive covenants do not have to pay damages to neighbors when they sell their property to or permit its occupancy by colored persons.

Loren Miller, attorney for the defendants in the suit, said that he will oppose Mrs. Barrows' request for a re-hearing.

Through her attorneys, John C. Miles, J. W. McKnight and C. L. Bagley, she charges that "merely occupying houses in white neighborhoods is not all that colored people want."

Appending copies of three nationally-circulated colored magazines which contain articles dealing with mixed marriage to her petition, her lawyers charge the articles set the example for intermarriage.

"There is no room in the philosophy being taught to colored people for the white man's personal freedom of choice of associates. The attitude among colored people who move into white neighborhoods adds to other factors which equally, understandably, make them unwelcome neighbors," the brief says.

Mother Wins

Interracial Battle Over Children

OAKLAND, Calif. — (ANP) — A white mother who married a Negro will have custody of her two children, the State District Court of Appeals ruled yesterday. The two tots have been living with their white father in Salt Lake City, Utah.

William G. Smith, 33, white piano instructor, was ordered to return the children to Mrs. Barbara Smith Taylor, 32, his former wife, by Aug. 1, or face contempt proceedings.

The court action came after Mrs. Taylor, who now is married to Willie F. Taylor, 41, a Negro construction employee, appealed a Feb. 5 order by Alameda County Court Judge Wakefield Taylor granting Smith custody of Amanda, 10, and Eric, 3.

It's Nothing New

Mixed Marriages Among Nobility!

By J. A. ROGERS
(Courier Columnist and Noted Historian)

The forthcoming marriage of Enid Cripps of British peerage ancestry, and daughter of the late Sir Stafford Cripps, former cabinet member and ambassador, and Joseph E. Appiah of unmixed African ancestry, would be considered rather commonplace in Europe were it not that it will be a sensation in America, South Africa and, to some extent, in the British West Indies.

Europeans, for thousands of years, have accepted without fuss marriages of whites and blacks, except in some cases when the parties were unequal in rank. Such unions go as far back as mythology and ancient folklore. In Greek mythology, Zeus, father of the gods, who is of Ethiopian ancestry, takes a fair Greek maiden and their son, Epaphos, is an ancestor of the Argives, or Greeks.

Perseus, another mythological hero, marries Andromeda, daughter of the King of Ethiopia, and King Memnon of Ethiopia marries Kissia, a white woman of Elam. In the folk tales of Greece, Albania, Lesbos and the Arthurian legends are stories of white queens and black husbands and lovers.

The number of such unions, even in the upper class, is very great. But a comparative few can be given here. The first in her. And her father, King Ptolemy, "the Flute Player," shows an undoubted Negro strain in his portraits. So does that of her mother, Arsinoe, in the Vatican museum.

IN THE Byzantine, or later Roman Empire, Justinian II, of the sixth century married his Negro cook to a noble Roman lady. Society protested because English beauty, was the second wife of Ira Aldridge, famed Negro American actor and the first great "Othello." Above is a portrait of the beauty. Inset is a photograph taken of Alphonso VI of Spain married her in later years. Zayda, and African princess;



Married Negro American— Lady Jane Ap. plesby, noted



Upperclass Mixed Marriages— Above are two highly publicized marriages of Negroes to members of European upperclass women. At left is Prince Monolulu, noted racing figure, with his wife, a Polish countess. At the right is Floyd Henry of the Jamaica Royal Air Force and his English bride

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French Duchess d'Abrautes, Alessandro dei Medici, Duke who saw her, says she truly of Florence, nominal son of represented the saying, "Black Lorenzo dei Medici, but in re- but comely." Incidentally, she ality that of Cardinal Medici, also described the then ruler of later Pope Clement VII, and a Portugal, John VI, as a dark ancient historical importance mulatto.

In Italy, the daughter of Alfonso, one of the three rulers of Rome, son, King of Naples, by a with Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt, black woman, married Count Cauchian history has whitened Leonello Johannis, who was a Cleopatra, but up to Shakes-

IN FRANCE, Robert d'Eppe, son of William II, married Ismeria, a Sudanese princess, who had saved his life in the Crusades and who later won such renown in France that she is still worshipped as a black madonna. Count Anselme d'Isalquier, of Toulouse, married Casais, a Negro princess of

Gao, West Africa; Countess de Beauharnais, related by marriage to Napoleon, was married to Castaing, influential legislator from Haiti; Placide, stepson of Toussaint L'Overture, married Marie-Josephine, daughter of the Marquis de la Caze.

Hamelin, leading banker of France under Napoleon, married Fortunee, a black girl of Haiti. Fortunee was Napoleon's chief female friend and adviser, and he gave her 300,000 gold francs when leaving for St. Helena.

Elisee Reclus, great geographer (1830-1905), married an unmixed Negro girl and reared a fine family, still living in France. Leading French Negroes of our times who have married white women of the model.

upper class are Blaise Diagne Ira Aldridge, American Negro and Gratien Candace, Cabinet gro, called the greatest of the Ministers; Naval Captain Mor- Othello, married Countess tenol, commander ~~be~~ the air de- fenses of Paris in World War I; Rene Maran, winner of the Goncourt Prize with his Batoula; Surgeon-General Jean St. H. Dumas and scores of others.

General Faidherbe, builder of France's colonial empire, married a West African girl, and Paul LaFargue, Cuban Negro and Socialist writer, married a daughter of Karl Marx. Marx, who was very likely of some Negro ancestry, too, calls LaFargue a "negrillo."

IN AUSTRIA, Angelo Soliman, a Negro of the Congo, married a noblewoman, and his daughter was married to Baron de Feuchtersleben. About 1930, the daughter of Dr. Edouard von Greiner, Hungarian cabinet minister, married a French Negro who was in her class at the Sorbonne.

Brindis de Sala, a Cuban Negro and court violinist of William I of Germany, married a noblewoman. In Denmark, as Dietz tells in his autobiography, Count Gansberger married a jet-black woman who was a favorite at the court of the queen. And recently, Anne Brown, American soprano, was married to Thorleif Scheldrup, son of a Supreme Court justice of Norway.

In Russia, Abram Hannibal, "Negro of Peter the Great," later raised to the nobility, married Regina Von Schelberg, a German noblewoman. Their descendants married into several of the royal families of Europe, including the English. One of them is Marquess of Milford

Haven, cousin of Elizabeth II and best man at her wedding. It might be of interest to note that Elizabeth I wanted to marry a Negro, Duke d'Alencon of the French royal family, and cried because she was prevented because of religion.



WED IN INDIA—Mr. and Mrs. F. A. J. Taylor whose marriage in Bangalore, India on Aug. 17 was announced this week in letters from the couple to their friends. Mrs. Taylor is the former Mary Langford, field representative and consultant for Planned Parenthood, who is currently assigned to India. The groom is an Englishman on the staff of a specialized agency of the United Nations.

Interracial Marriages Booming In Britain

Miss M. V. Middleton of Shipley, Yorkshire.

By EDWARD SCOBIE

She wrote: "Marriage

LONDON—In Britain today there is a noticeable tendency towards mixed marriages. Very many English girls are taking colored

girls as their "lawful, wedded to come, wives." The most recent one, which has made front page news in the English press, is that of

journalist J. Macrae Ferguson to Jamaican nurse Joyce Thompson.

The marriage was held at a London Registry office and best man was exiled Bamangwato King Seetse Khan.

Ferguson is a staff writer on Fleet Street's hightoned literary

Sunday newspaper "The Observer," owned by David Astor. It was through an article on the West Indies which he had written

that the romance started.

Joyce read it and being a proud, knowledgeable West Indian, she sent him a letter from the Edinburgh hospital where she was nursing expressing her opinion on his article.

Ferguson met her and they fell in love. And he at the wedding reception: "Gosh, she's wonderful."

Three days after this happy wedding I ran across a letter in a Sunday paper from 17-year-old

CATHOLIC POLL SPLIT ON MIXED MARRIAGES New York, N.Y.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES

CHICAGO, July 17—Despite the Catholic Church's discouraging of marriages between Roman Catholics and persons of other religions, that the Catholic Digest, a The New World, official publica-church journal, has been "con-
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**CATHOLIC MIXED
Chicago Tribune
MARRIAGE POLL
Chicago Ills.
RESULTS TOLD**

BY THE REV. JOHN EVANS

Despite Catholic church teach-ing against marriages of Cath-
olics and those of other religions
the New World, official publica-
tion of the archdiocese of Chi-

cago, disclosed yesterday that 40 per cent of Catholics contacted in a poll made no objection to marriages of Catholics with Jews or Protestants. *504-7-12-53*

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"Protestants, on the basis of the above figures," the editorial stated, "were twice as zealous as Catholics in seeking to win converts and, based on their re-sults, they were using more ef-fective techniques."

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3 Held On Miscegenation Charge Here

Three New Orleans persons were arrested early Saturday morning and booked at the Sixth Police District pending the investigation of miscegenation. Two were Negroes and the other white. Police gave their names as:

WARREN SIMMS, 30, 1339 South Rampart, alias "Snow".

MRS. DOLORES COX WOOD, Route 6, Box 266, Gentilly.

HERMAN WOOD, same address, white.

The case came to light about 1 a. m. when Sims and Mrs. Wood were discovered sitting in an automobile at the corner of Clio and South Broad street.

Patrolmen Sam Sara and T. McCrossen were patrolling in the area and spotted the couple. Police became suspicious because she looked like a white woman and Simms a Negro. She ducked to the floor and concealed herself when the patrol car approached.

Simms told officers during brief questioning at the scene of the early morning rendezvous that the woman sitting in the rear was a Negro. However upon questioning her, she produced an automobile driver's license, which had registered her as white.

Both were then taken to Sixth Police District for further questioning.

Extremely fair with black hair and blue eyes, Mrs. Wood re-admitted that she was a Negro saying "I'm proud of it."

The couple admitted, police said,

having frequented various New Orleans establishments together and registered in different rooming houses as man and wife. She further admitted, police claim, that she was married to Wood, and resided with him as his wife and that she was "passing for white." *Jan 12 1953*

Police then sent detectives to arrest Wood.

Returning with him to the police station, he identified Mrs. Wood as his wife and claimed that he knew she was a Negro and that they were married at Las Vegas, Nevada about a year ago.

"White" woman caught with Negro, owns to 'passing'

NEW ORLEANS — Authorities find it increasingly difficult to enforce the archaic anti-miscegenation laws of this state. *P.2*

Illustrating this was the bizarre arrest last week of three persons, two Negroes and a white, on a miscegenation charge.

Police arrested Mrs. Dolores Cox Wood, of Gentilly, a blue-eyed blonde, caught necking in a car with Warren Simms, 30, alias "Snow", the prototype of the burly, dark Rampart street Negro.

Officers had a couple of shocks in store for themselves, however. First when Mrs. Wood, identified on her driver's license as white, owned to being a Negro, and "proud of it."

Then when Mrs. Wood's husband turned up to claim her, and he turned out to be a genuine white man.

Wood acknowledged that he had known his wife was a Negro when they were married in Las Vegas a year ago. His wife acknowledged that although married and living with Woods, he cohabited freely with Simms. *Angela* *Jan 12 1953*

All three were jailed. However, what the charges against Simms will be, was not made clear by the authorities.



Heiress' Husband Mine-Wife No. 1

Says H.U. grad's wedding is fraud

Philly matron contends his
Virgin Isle divorce illegal

PHILADELPHIA. Papers have been filed in Common Pleas Court here by Mrs. Virginia Reid Bruce of South Philadelphia, asking annulment of the marriage of her divorced husband, Eldridge Bruce, and Bettine Field Bruce, daughter of Marshall Field, Chicago department store magnate.

The first wife charges that Mr. Bruce, a Howard university graduate and now a student at the University of London, and the blonde Chicago heiress were married illegally in the Virgin Islands two years ago.

She is still married to Mr. Bruce, she says, in her petition, charging that he obtained a divorce in Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 27, 1948, without her knowledge and that she did not know of his second marriage until a month ago.

Reputation Damaged

The Virginia divorce and subsequent remarriage of Mr. Bruce, 34, "jeopardizes my right to remarry and have children without the stigma of illegitimacy," the first Mrs. Bruce declares.

The Virginia divorce is a

3 Years Together In Va.

Following their marriage, they lived together continuously in Lynchburg until July 1942, the first Mrs. Bruce says, when he left to work as a Pullman porter in Pittsburgh, later establishing residence at 521 Francis st.

He entered military service in August 1943, she says, she moved to Philadelphia the same year, and has been here since that time.

Following his discharge from the Army, according to the first Mrs. Bruce, he came here and they lived together at 2046 Bainbridge st. until April 1946, when he returned to Pittsburgh and his former job.

In 1948, she says, he left Pittsburgh and took up residence in an apartment on Manhattan ave. in NYC. He had visited her at 805 S. 20th st., Philadelphia, in January 1948 and asked her for a divorce, but she refused.

A week later, the first wife says, he called her. He was attending Columbia University, she says he told her, and that he had attempted to get a divorce from her in New York but without success.

A short time later, she said, he again called her and told her that he had visited an attorney in Lynchburg and learned that he could get a divorce there on grounds of desertion.

On May 1, 1948, she said, she asked him to come to Philadelphia and discuss a reconciliation and they met at Broad Street station. She told him that he was a resident of NYC, not Lynchburg, but he insisted that he could get the divorce on grounds of desertion.

She said she asked him to come back to Philadelphia and take up their marital life, but

he refused, stating that he was determined to get a divorce.

From the time he left their home in 1946 until the present, she says, he has consistently refused to resume their marital relationship.

His application for divorce was filed in Circuit Court in Lynchburg June 21, 1946, she says, and speaking under oath declared Nov. 5 1948, that he had lived in Lynchburg from April 30, 1939, the time of their marriage, until 1948.

The divorce decree was awarded Nov. 27, 1948, and he and Mrs. Bettine Field Goodall were married in the Virgin Islands Dec. 1, 1951, the first wife says, since which time they have "lived together unlawfully as man and wife."

However, she says she did not know of his marriage to Mrs. Goodall until she read about it in the AFRO-AMERICAN on Oct. 29.

**Baby Boy Born
To Fields Heiress
Oklahoma City, Okla.**

NEW YORK.—(ANP)—A baby boy was born last week to Mrs. Bettine Field Bruce, daughter of Marshall Field, and her Negro husband, Elbridge Bruce, who flew here from London for the birth.



IN ONE OF THE RARE MARRIAGE ceremonies performed by Judge Herbert Delaney of New York City's domestic relations court, Neal Hemachandra and Rita Hope Warmbrand, both teachers, were married at the Fraternal Club house. The groom, a Phi Beta Kappa and Whitney Foundation scholarship winner and his

bride are both Queens College graduates. Wedding party includes (from left) Judge Delaney, Hubert Dilworth, best man; the groom and bride; John Harvey, brother-in-law of the bride and her matron of honor, Mrs. Hattie Harvey, Mrs. Hemachandra's sister.

Child Born To Field Heiress Negro Husband

HUNTINGTON, N. Y. — A son was born Friday ~~to~~ ^{the} daughter of multi-millionaire Marshall Field and her Negro husband, ~~reports~~ ^{it} was ~~issued~~ ^{Marshall} from the Field residence here revealed.

Mrs. Bettine Field Bruce gave birth to the child and her husband, Eldridge ~~was~~ ^{she} was nearby it was indicated.

Mrs. Bruce flew ~~her~~ ^{him} from London where he is studying psychiatry to be with his wife.

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Mixed Couple 2nd Interracial Morals Case Shocks Carolina

New American
Face Trial ^{P. 13}
Their 'Keeping Company' Resented

NASHVILLE, N.C.—Two per in this case include a 65-year-old sons allegedly engaged in an in-white man and his 27-year-old interracial romance were arrested here last week and will be The man and his wife were given a trial on March 2. placed in the Wake County jail

Currently out on \$500 bail on charges of prostitution alleged each, the defendants are Zebly involving the four Negro men. Lucas, 57, of Rocky Mount. Similar cases have been reported Route 1, and Mrs. Alethia Mass to police in various sections of former, 23, white ~~Rocky Mount~~ North Carolina involving white

Sheriff G. O. Womble says the pair was arrested at the home of a Mrs. Pearl Hunter ~~near~~ ^{defender} and Negro families in the last eight months. One of these cases involve teen age youths of both races.

Husband In Korea
Officers who investigated the case identified the white couple as Joe Mack Price and Mrs. Ruby W. Price, both of Route 3, Zebulon, N.C. They were being held last week under \$500 bond each. ^{P. 4}

Mrs. Price was charged with prostitution while her husband was charged with aiding and abetting in prostitution.

The officer added that the pair was arrested after citizens had complained that they were "keeping company."

Several weeks ago a colored soldier and a white woman were arrested together in an auto in nearby Wilson and charged with immorality and fined in city court press reports have painted an ugly picture of the white women involved in these and similar cases. It is refreshing, at least, to know that these were not "rape cases."

An investigation by officers, according to Deputy Sheriff G. C. Massey, revealed that the white woman had illicit relations with

three of the Negro men Friday, March 13, in a tobacco barn shed on the tenant farm where she lives with her husband about six miles north of Zebulon.

RALEIGH, N.C.—(AMP)—Another interracial morals case shocked the people of North Carolina last week. Persons charged

on morals counts is scheduled to begin hearings March 25 in Recorder's Court at Zebulon.

Included in the group are a white couple and four young men. They are charged with prostitution and abetting prostitution.

Mrs. Ruby W. Price, 27, white, is accused of having illicit relations with three men last Friday while her husband, Joe M. Price, 65, is accused of aiding his wife in the relationship.

\$500 Bond Each
Both are under \$500 bond pending the trial. The men involved are:

James T. Horton, 27; Dallas Horton, 20; Joe E. Horton, 16, and Martin Nicholson Jr., 20, all of Zebulon, Route 2. Dallas Horton is charged with abetting the acts. They also are under \$500 bond each.

Deputy Sheriff G. C. Massey said that the acts occurred in a tobacco barn on the tenant farm where Mrs. Price lives with her husband.

Interracial Group

Faces Morals Count

Raid On Love Nest Traps Farmer, White GI's Wife

(Special to Journal and Guide) been joined by her about three months ago. He said they both listed the same address in Greenville at the time of her return.

According to the sheriff, the farmer had known the woman all her life. He also said that several interracial sex relationships in the community had been reported to him.

The couple, Mrs. Aletha Pridgen Massmer, whose occupation was listed by Rocky Mount police records as "prostitute," and Zeb Lucas, her "light-skinned" companion, were arrested last week in a bedroom outfit-
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ted with a mattress placed on top of some old automobile tires, at the home of Pearl Hunter.

SHERIFF GLEN Womble accompanied by a deputy and two detectives took the pair into custody following the complaints of both colored and white residents of the community, located about five miles from Rocky Mount.

According to Sheriff Womble, the couple had been living together in Nash County since February 3, having resided in several colored homes until the time of their arrest.

THE SHERIFF said that the ex-farmer had sought the serviceman's wife in New Jersey, after she moved there some time ago, and that when he failed to find her, he had returned to North Carolina and had

Farmer, White Girl Flee Journal and Guide Trial On Sex Charges

NASHVILLE, N. C.—The huge and curious crowd, one of the largest ever to assemble in the Nashville county courtroom, which turned out to witness what was expected to be the sexy trial of a white woman and Negro man on charges of fornication and adultery was left in the lurch Monday when neither of the defendants showed up in Recorder's Court.

The couple, Mrs. Aletha Pridgen Massmer, 23, and Zeb Lucas, 57-year-old Negro, were reported to be out of the state.

Monroe, Va.
JUDGE J. V. GRISSOM called for the bondsman for the two to appear and show cause why the two bonds of \$500 each should not be turned over to the court, and issued an order for the arrest of the couple.

Every available seat in the courtroom was occupied and throughout most of the day there were more people standing in the room than there were sitting.

Sheriff Glenn Womble said it was the largest crowd he had ever seen in the court room.

Many of the spectators, it was believed, may have appeared for the hearing conducted for Josh Pridgen, a 19-year-old Negro tenant farmer charged with assault on a Nash county white woman.

BUT AFTER PRIDGEN was bound over to Superior court, the crowd lingered.

The bond for the couple was called for about noon but the crowd returned for the afternoon session.

Sheriff Womble said that apparently the spectators expected the white woman and Negro man to show up later in the afternoon.

THE SHERIFF SAID he had word earlier that the couple was out of the state and would not be here for trial.

Bond for the man and woman was posted by Connie Lucas, brother of the Negro defendant.

The Nash county woman and Zeb Lucas were arrested by

Sheriff Womble, Deputy E. C. Strickland, and Rocky Mount Detectives Clyde Hooker and B. T. Godwin on the night of February 12, in the home of a Negro woman, Pearl Hunter, who lives one-half mile from Lucas' home on the Old Nashville road, five miles out of Rocky Mount.

* * *
THE SHERIFF SAID the couple was only half dressed when the officers found them in a junk room of the Hunter woman's home.

Mrs. Messmer, whose husband is in Korea, is a native of Nash county, but moved to New Jersey several years ago, where she lived for some time before returning to the county.

KLAN BURNS

Attorney, White Employee Receive Threatening Notes

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — (SNS) — Crude crosses were burned last week in front of the residences of Attorney George W. McDade and Miss Beulah Boston, a white employee of the wealthy lawyer.

Mr. McDade was arrested in Miss NO CALLS

Boston's apartment on March 13. "I did not call the fire department, and both were charged with common law lewdness.

Typewritten notes were reportedly posted the incident. How did all of found at the scenes of the burn-these people know of the incidentings. Police said the notes were within minutes of its happening?"

written on official looking stationery bearing KKK insignia. The Mrs. Staples further stated that note reportedly found in Mr. Mcshe was the first to reach the scene; Dade's yard read, "Stay away from that she extinguished the fire and white women." The one found at threw the remains in the gutter, Miss Boston's said: "We do not ap-and that she did not see a note on prove of your recent act. This is the cross or in the street and that your first and final warning."

McDade's was originally set "Where did the note come from," for April 3, but was reset for April 24. The arresting officers said that (I do not know his name, neither the attorney was fully clad and did I take his badge number) "Why all the fanfare over a small incident." He was rude and loud in telling me to mind my own business.

The attorney maintained that he went to the woman's apartment to take food since she had been ill... later another officer apologized and was unable to work.

Besides his real estate holdings, McDade owns and operates several tourist homes for white only, and has several white men and women as managers of these courts.

Mrs. Fredda Staples, daughter of Mr. McDade, gave the following account of the Cross burning. She a short distance from the scene of said: "A neighbor saw an old model black car career down the street a neighbor and longtime merchant and set the cross out then speed on Vine Avenue said, "the neighbor away. It was wrapped with burlap, hood is shocked over this incident, which was gasoline soaked. When I why should anyone want to harm saw the burning cross I immediately two women who have done good called my father and he instructed in a community for many years? me to put it out. Fortunately a good neighbors; one of whom is ill, den hose was connected and I turned on and put out the fire; then to have upset them in this threw the remains in the gutter manner, without just cause, is de-

Shortly after I returned to the plorable." house, firemen, policemen, reporters, Several police cars answered the and photographers came, and neighbors call, but no arrest was made. It is bors begin to mill around. The cross thought, the incident was the work was taken from the gutter, and held of pranksters by two policemen while pictures were taken of it. Then the firemen used an extinguisher on the remains, to make sure it was out," stated an officer."

Klan Warns Tenn. Lawyer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Fiery crosses have been burned in front of separate residents of a Knoxville Negro businessman and a white woman and warning notes left behind on Ku Klux Klan stationery.

The businessman is George W. McDade, 63-year-old attorney-proprietor of the woman, Miss Beulah Boston, who lives on Magnolia Avenue in a respectable white apartment neighborhood.

Both were arrested together recently in her apartment by raiding police, who charged them with moral violations. Both are free under bonds totaling \$1,750 pending trial in city court.

Typewritten notes on official looking stationery bearing Ku Klux Klan letterheads were left at the scenes of the burnings. Firemen extinguished the blazes Wednesday night.

The girl has been employed by McDade at a tourist camp he owns on scenic Chapman Highway, leading into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Tenn. Attorney, White Employee Post \$500 Bond

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — (SNS) — A prominent attorney and his white employee were bound over to the Grand Jury last week after they waived arraignment in City Court.

Attorney George W. McDade and Miss Beulah Boston, white, posted \$500 bond. They are charged with common law lewdness.

The charges grew out of a raid by city police March 13 at Miss

Boston's apartment at 2415 E. Magnolia Avenue. Mr. McDade was also charged with disorderly conduct, carrying a pistol and violation of the Little May Act. Miss Boston was also charged with Little May Act violation.

Captain Elmer Dykes the only witness to take the stand testified that members of his detachment had watched the Magnolia Avenue apartment for about two weeks and has observed Mr. McDade entering the apartment building late at night on five or six occasions.

FAULTY SEARCH WARRANT

The search warrant on which Mr. McDade was held proved to have as many holes as a sieve, when defense attorney E. Jenkins, C. A. Cowan and Charles Donaghay ripped into it. The warrant, which was sworn to by Captain Dykes, stated that Mr. McDade was seen leaving the apartment numbered 2415 Magnolia Avenue at an early hour on the morning of March 11.

The defense contended that there was not sufficient circumstantial evidence on which to secure a warrant and that the house mentioned was a four apartment dwelling and that Miss Boston lived upstairs and that her number was 2415 1-2 and not 2415 as the warrant stated.

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PROSECUTION ADMITS

WARRANT NOT VALID

City Trial Attorney Hugh Simpson concerned that the search warrant the officers carried the night of the raid was not valid, but argued that no warrant was needed since sufficient circumstantial evidence existed to make the arrest and that the officers also had State Warrants to execute.

OFFICERS HAD KEY APARTMENT

On motion by the defense to dismiss the charges on the basis of the faulty warrant, Judge Kelly denied the motion, temporarily, and said "I want to hear more evidence." The defense immediately asked for a recess and when Court reconvened waived the case to the Grand Jury.

Mixed Visiting Isn't Crime

Exonerate Attorney In Visit to Coed

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The Knox County grand jury last week returned a not true bill, exonerating George W. McDade, prominent attorney-business man, and Miss Beulah M. Boston, white business co-ed, of a morals charge. The case had been waived to the grand jury after some testimony was given in City Court. McDade and Miss Boston were arrested in the early hours of a morning several months ago in her apartment at 2415 Magnolia Avenue, white neighborhood. Miss Boston, a pretty blonde, had pleaded not guilty to cohabitation with McDade, who had said he went to her apartment to discuss business with her. She formerly was employed at a tourist motel which he owns.



WAR BABY FINDS A HOME—At New York's Idlewild Airport, Baltimore Afro-American reporter James L. Hicks and his wife greet their new son, Schoni (Johnny) Krus, who had just ar-

rived from Germany. In photo, Schoni, who is two and one-half years old, gives his new dad his O. K. after seeing him for the first time.

Hickses And Seattle Couple Get Kiddies From Germany



By JAMES L. HICKS

NEW YORK — Two more bundles of joy arrived by Scandinavian Airlines at Idlewild Airport Friday in the form of two cute German-born war orphans for adoption by American parents.

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One of them was 6-year-old blonde haired Charlotte Goering, who after a six-hour delay in

New York, transferred to another Seattle-bound plane.

American Airliner bound for Seattle, Wash. where she will become the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heustis Williams of Seattle.

Charlotte was met at the airport by Mrs. R. P. Hines of the Queens branch of the American Red Cross, who acting on behalf of Charlotte's new parents,

Little Charlotte, who is to live in Seattle, is the first war baby who has been adopted by a white

Total In U.S. Now 13

The two children who arrived Friday bring to thirteen the number of German war babies whom Mrs. Grammer, AFRO representative, has helped to find homes in the United States.

American family, through the offices of Mrs. Grammer. The other 12 have been placed in colored homes.

After America In Dad's Footsteps

The other bouncing bundle of joy is seated right beside me as his story is being written; and if there are mistakes in the spelling, it is because he insists on trying to help me type this article, deadline or no deadline.

He is now OUR son. A few hours ago he was 2½ years old Schani Krug whose picture we fell in love with three months ago after it had been sent to us by Mrs. Mable Grammer, AFRO correspondent in Germany who has done such a wonderful job in helping American parents adopt German war babies.

This reporter would need the eloquence of a Cicero to describe the joy and happiness which little Schani (whose name is now little Jimmy) has already brought into our home.

Starts Ahead Of Time

He arrived on schedule and we were waiting for him—in fact we were waiting two hours ahead of time—just in case.

Daisy (that's the wife) was armed with an Australian Koala bear which I had sent to her from Sidney, Australia, during the last war. This little tree bear had served as our baby from the time of our marriage.

We were also armed with a copy of Dr. Benjamin Spock's book, "Baby and Child Care," which we read as we waited for the plane to arrive.

I tried not to show nervousness in order to keep Daisy calm; but ten minutes before the plane arrived I was shaking like a leaf.

I had worried Scandinavian Airline officials so much prior to his arrival that Mr. Hertz, public relations official of the airlines, had told me that he himself was going to appear at the airport for little Jimmy's arrival.

Official Helpful

Hertz did come and it was a lucky break for us for his contacts enabled both of us to get through customs officials and inside the restricted area so that we could wait for little Jimmy when he stepped off the plane.

Jimmy Campbell, AFRO photographer was also permitted in with us.

Also with us was Peter Gompert, German-born official of the Scandinavian Airlines, who has been our mainstay in the arrival of all the children because he speaks German.

Little Jimmy was led in by Airline Hostess Berthe Larsen; and Gompert immediately told him that Daisy and I were his "Muter" and "Popee." He caught on immediately and in

seconds was in Daisy's arms.

Undaunted By Flight

Miss Larsen told us he had eaten about an hour earlier, that he had a good appetite and that he had not cried once all during his 15-hour flight. She said the same about Charlotte, who sat like a little lady while customs officials put her papers in order.

Little Jimmy was babbling in German and Gompert found that he wanted water. I gave him plenty and we marched in procession to the Scandinavian Airlines ticket office where Jimmy and Charlotte posed like professional models for the AFRO cameraman and a photographer from the Airlines.

All of a sudden Jimmy yelled "Omnibus, omnibus" and pointed to the doorway. Gompert explained that this was his way of saying "bus." He ran for the door and we followed. He not only appeared fascinated by the buses, but the great number of cars around the airport fascinated him.

I then remembered that Mrs. Grammer had said he loved automobiles.

Falls Into Role

This made it easy. My car was outside and I went and got it. He climbed in himself and before we could get started good he was blowing the horn and playing the radio.

By the time we hit the Parkway on the way home he was already turning from one of us to the other and saying "Mutter" and "Popee." You have to hear it to know what a thrill it is.

He had arrived in a fire-red knitted suit, fastened tight up around his neck. He had no other clothing and we had not bought any for him because we did not know his size.

We rushed him home and while Jimmy took pictures I grabbed a tape measure and measured him. He is 38 inches tall, 21 inches in the waist and his shoes measured seven inches.

"Stopgap" Clothing

Daisy then sent me out to buy some "stopgap clothing" for him to wear while she took him downtown to do some heavy buying.

REPORTER IN THE MAKING—Little Schani (Johnny) Hicks soon after his arrival from Germany as the adopted hood "tot shop."

The bill was \$12 and change. Jimmy, who had gone with me to shop said "This is only the beginning. Wait until Daisy starts the real shopping." (I began to think that maybe I had better cut down on my cigarettes and beer bill).

Study Now Playroom

Back at home we were ready

for him. The extra room which we have used up to now as a study was given the "full treatment." We agreed to rip out everything and give him his room.

I had a story to dash off and when I sat down at the typewriter, Jimmy got the same idea. Two can tango, but two good little office, once I faced it, and the study became a old portable of Daisy's and set him up a desk.

We had a room full of toys. He came in and went straight for a little but husky red and blue tractor which turned out to be son of AFRO reporter and Mrs. James L. Hicks didn't take long to find his famous father's typewriter. His new

just right for him to ride on.

We also had a rocking horse, a hobby horse, some clay, a bunch of playbooks with raised figures, a rocket gun and a dozen other things but we might just as well have saved that money.

He latched on to that tractor and he has not turned it loose for ten minutes yet.

Spurns Early Bedtime

We knew he was tired and after he had a bath which he took with ease, we wanted to put him to bed. But he would have none of that.

We gave him a good meal. He ate heartily—and went back to that tractor which he dragged all over the house.

He had placed the Koala bear in the body of the tractor and was riding it around. Daisy then got the idea of putting the bear to bed. He thought it was a good parents beam fondly on their 2½ year old son.—(Campbell photo.)

idea and helped her.

Then she suggested that he go to bed. He didn't like the idea but the bear was there sleeping the tractor be placed on the soundly and after insisting that floor right beside the bed he agreed to turn in.

He went to sleep immediately—it was about 6 p.m. and as the boys say in Harlem "he never looked back" until 6 o'clock the next morning. At that strange hour, however, there he was in our bedroom—riding on that tractor.

Night Life Habits Change

I got up with the feeling that this young man is going to change my night life habits considerably if he keeps this up, for there was no sleeping with that tractor mowing the rug around the bed.

We "hit the deck." It was



WAR BABY IN NEW HOME— Dr. and Mrs. George Adams of Baltimore admire their six-year-old son, Robert, a German war baby whom they adopted through cooperation of the AFRO's M. Mabel Grammer. The youngster arrived in the U.S. on Sunday and makes the sixteenth war baby for whom Mrs. Grammer has found American homes. Dr. Adams, a physician, and his wife, a stenographer, reside at 2301 Windsor ave., Baltimore, Md.

AFRO HAS HELPED 19 FAMILIES:

Balto. teacher, husband adopt German war baby

BALTIMORE
A Baltimore school teacher and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harlie Gamble, are the proud parents of a six-year-old German war baby who arrived in New York, August 4, for adoption.

Mr. and Mrs. Gamble, who reside at 2141 Smallwood st., met their new daughter at Idlewild Airport as she alighted from the Scandinavian Airlines and exclaimed, "she's just what we dreamed of."

The Gambles' new daughter, Gladys Vohns, is an attractive, loveable olive complexioned child with a friendly manner.

Her adoption here by the Gambles was arranged by the AFRO's Mabel Grammer, special correspondent, now residing in Mannheim - Feudenheim.

The Gambles first wrote the AFRO last January 14, after reading a story by Mrs. Grammer in this newspaper.

Also arriving here for adoption on Tuesday was another German war baby, six-year-old Rosita Kern, who was met by her new mother, Mrs. Cora Mebane, a Southport, N.C., teacher and widow of a World War II veteran.

The arrival of these children brings to 19 the number of

youngsters for whom the AFRO's Mrs. Grammer has found American homes.

'Brown Baby' Ban Denied couple In Alabama

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—The Alabama State Department of Welfare questioned with reference to a story published in a national weekly that it had banned admission of German "brown babies" to Alabama, said it was without "means of identifying the particular" case mentioned.

The Oct. 2 news story had said in part: "Notification of the ban against the war babies, born of colored fathers and German mothers, forced the (Gadsden, Ala.) couple to cancel their carefully made adoption plans."

HERE IS THE letter from the DPW official:

This will acknowledge your letter of Oct. 5. Inasmuch as we have no means of identifying the particular placement referred to in your letter, we are ~~not~~ able to give any details with reference to the news story concerning the placement of a German child in an Alabama home.

Alabama statutes are implicit in providing conditions under which children may be brought into Alabama for purposes of securing their adoption. These statutes provide that protection to the natural parents, to the children, and to the foster parents must be available. This department, under the statute, must approve the placement of out-of-state children in Alabama. The approval of the department is based, in part, on the soundness of the practices and procedures exercised by the agencies or individual proposing to make the placement.

Sincerely yours,
BILL BORROUGH
Commissioner,
State of Alabama
Dept. of Public Welfare



in the year as a result of correspondence with AFRO writer Mabel Grammer who resides in Mannheim. To date, 16 German children have found American homes through cooperation of Mrs. Grammer and the AFRO.

YOUNGEST WAR BABY ARRIVES — Mrs. Edward F. Cardwell, Washington nurse, holds seven-month-old German war baby who arrived in New York last week aboard a Scandinavian airplane. Mr. and Mrs. Cardwell adopted two other German babies earlier



AFRO AIDS THEIR ADOPTION — These three German children arrived in N.Y. via Scandinavian Airlines on August 4, for adoption by American parents. Center, Rosita Kern, 6, who went to Mrs. Cora Mebane, Southport, N.C., and right, Gladys Vohns, 6, who was adopted by Mrs. Viola C. Gamble, 2141 Smallwood St., Baltimore. Child at extreme left and stewardess are unidentified. Gladys and Rosita bring to 19 the number of children whose adoption was arranged by AFRO Writer Mabel Grammer, who resides in Mannheim, Germany.

5 babies here for Christmas

Latest group brings total under AFRO adoption program to 29

By JAMES L. HICKS

NEW YORK—Five American families were assured of a merry Christmas Wednesday, as five husky, German-American orphans arrived at Idlewild airport aboard Scandinavian airlines and went on to various parts of the country for adoption in their new home by Christmas.

The five children, all brought here through the efforts of Mrs. Mable Grammer and the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, went to Rock Hill, S.C., Ontario, Calif., Jefferson City, Mo., and Houston and Jasper, Texas.

The group of three boys and two girls represented the second largest group to arrive here at one time since Mrs. Grammer and the AFRO first called the attention of the nation to their plight. The largest group ever to arrive at one time was eight.

Precedent Set

One of the children, little blond Raymond Heinz, was met and parents have adopted one of the children through the AFRO and Mrs. Grammer.

Raymond, who was described by airline officials as being "all white," was met at the airport by a woman who was only identified as "Mrs. Burda" of Ontario, Calif.

She broke down and cried when her new son rushed into her arms.

She later admitted to this writer that she had learned of the adoptions through reading the AFRO, but said since all adoptions she had read of had been by colored families she hoped the paper would not publicize the fact that she was white.

Educators New Parents

The other four children, Renate Baier, 7; Peter Ginz, 6; Monica Nagel, 6; and Peter Lubich, 6, went to two high

adopted by a white woman, marking the first time any white school principals, one college professor and a South Carolina family, which was unable to appear at the airport to meet its new daughter.

The two principals adopting the children were L. A. Simmons of the Wiergate high school, Jasper, Texas; and Benjamin Elmore of the Sellegast high school, Houston, Texas.

The other educator adopting one of the children was Dr. J. D. Parks of Jefferson City, Mo., who is a professor at Lincoln university at Jefferson City.

Mr. Simmons and his wife, who is also a school teacher adopted Peter Lubich. They were represented at the airport by B. J. Barlow of Wiergate, Texas, who is a teacher at the Wiergate school.

To Be Home for Yule

Mr. Barlow made the trip here by train and said he would leave immediately for return to Texas with Peter. The Simmonses live at Box 5931, Jasper, Texas. They have no other children.

Mrs. Inez Elmore, wife of Benjamin Elmore, made the trip here by train to claim wide-eyed Monica Nagel. She is a librarian at the George Washington Carver school in Houston and has a daughter, June, 5.

The Elmores live at 773 Montgomery st., Houston. Mrs. Elmore said she would return home immediately because she wanted to complete plans for a big Christmas with her two children.

New Dad Speaks German

The third child, handsome, well built Peter Gintz, went to Dr. Parks, who made an immediate hit with his new son by speaking to him fluently in Ger-

man.

Peter, who is just 6, seemed overjoyed that his new daddy could speak his own language and when father and son arm-in-arm it out of the airport, Peter was jabbering away in German and Dr. Parks was as happy as a child with a new toy as he yelled, "we are going to make it together in great fashion."

This left 6-year-old Renate, a pretty child, if the writer ever saw one, for adoption by Mrs. Lillian McCoy of 248 Bynus st., Rock Hill, S.C.

Not Met At Airport

Renate was not met by anyone at the airport, but was scheduled to be flown on to South Carolina alone after hours of waiting for her plane.

And if the writer can be pardoned for saying so, it is felt that her new parents might have reconsidered this arrangement if they had been able to see little Renate as the other children were claimed by their new parents and left her at the airport.

She was a picture of brave determination as she sat in the airlines office and fought back her tears as the others left. And all who saw her felt that, if possible, she should have been spared this experience.

However, it must be said also, that people sympathetic to these youngsters' plight feel that the important thing is to get them into a good American home, and despite her airport experience, Renate undoubtedly will be a lucky girl like all the others.

It would have been nice, however, if just a friend of the McCoys had been there.

Reporter Handicapped

The fact that Raymond Heinz was going to a white family complicated this reporter's end of the story, inasmuch as Mrs. Burda had asked the airlines not to allow any publicity.

This meant that the writer and his photographer simply had to pick her out of the crowd at the airport without aid.

In order to get some idea of who Mrs. Burda might be, the writer went to the paging system and had her paged and asked her to come to the customs entrance. The photographer was then alerted to get his eye on whom ever answered the page.

As it turned out, Mrs. Burda was already at the customs entrances when she was paged and the ruse proved to help.

However, Jimmy Campbell, AFRO photographer, searched the crowd of people and, eliminating them one by one until he came upon a woman holding a teddy bear, he gambled that this could be Mrs. Burda and shot a picture of her.

She then confessed that she was a child.



FIVE MORE ARRIVE—Five more German war orphans arrived Wednesday at New York's Idlewild Airport to be met by their new parents.

Coming down the ramp are Raymond Heinz (in hostess' arms), who was adopted by a white woman; Renate Baier, 7; Monica Nagel, 6; Peter Ginz, 6; and Peter Lubich, 6.

The latest arrivals brought to 29 the number of these orphans whose adoption has been arranged by the AFRO and its German correspondent, Mrs. Mabel Grammer.

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Germans Rush Adoption

Of Brown Babies Too

Since the papers throughout Germany carried pictures and stories about the children being sent to America Germans themselves are requesting these children for adoption and are not asking for light children with silky hair.

Take the case of F. Heckmann and his bride of Essen, who has adopted a little girl, Rita, who is neither beautiful nor very light of complexion, and her hair is most certainly not silky.

The father is tall, thin and very blonde and his bride a German beauty.

The father came to our home and inquired as to the best daily care to give his daughter's hair as he and his bride wanted it to grow.

They are already making plans for her education.

She will attend the schools in Germany and later will be sent to America to complete her education.

The following is a letter received from Mr. Heckmann after a brief visit with our family.

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Dear Family Grammer: I have completed my journey through southern Germany and am now back home. I am very proud to have had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with such a wonderful family. Half the night I couldn't fall asleep for thinking of comparing the picture of the lovely children in your home and that of them when my bride was their tante something like an aunt to the orphans in the kinderheim.

I am sorry that a financial factor only prevents us from taking one or two more children because our little sweetheart needs a brother and sister.

It is for sure that people who become interested in these little ones must truly have God in their hearts. We have so much happiness in our home now with our little Rita.

The following are excerpts, a few of the many letters received from German families requesting information on adopting brown German-American children;

"We have read an article in our newspaper about your work in finding good parents for the little colored children. What will we have to do to adopt one?"

"I am sorry I cannot write English but I do know how to speak it since I learned it when working with the U.S. Army Saak Bar."

ALFRED STOEKER
Hamburg, Germany

Chocolate Children



RITA HECKMANN

read a note about your efforts to find homes for the little brown children.

"We always wished to adopt two little 'chocolade' children. In former times we could not do so since we did not have an adequate home but now we have our own home and would like to adopt a little boy and girl. Would you please help us?

CHRISTEL REITZ
Ostebad Gronitz Holstein

"Today in our newspaper was a story about the colored children and how you have adopted five. It is a great wish of mine to give a little colored child a home. I will take it as my own child. Can you help me by informing me how to go about adopting a colored child?

RUDOLF PRIESS

Homes Are Found In America For Negro-German Children

MANNHEIM, Germany, May 27. Because the wife of an American Negro warrant officer serving here in Germany has a heart as big as the State of Texas one of the cruelest injustices of the postwar world is being righted.

When a Scandinavian Airlines System plane left Frankfurt for New York recently, its passengers included five small children of mixed American Negro and German blood whose fathers had refused to support them and whose mothers were unable to do so.

That brought up to 90 the number of such children who had left for the United States to grow up as American citizens.

For this fact all of them have to thank Mabel Grammar, whose husband, Oscar Grammar, is a chief warrant officer in the 62d Antiaircraft Artillery Regiment stationed at Taylor Barracks in Mannheim.

Adopt Six
She has not only worked hard to find American homes for the illegitimate children of American Negro soldiers in Germany. She and her husband have adopted five of these children themselves and are in the process of adopting a sixth.

The business started soon after the Grammars came to Germany two years ago.

"I had gone to an orphanage to see the children," Mabel explains. "I found myself surrounded by them, all pleading, 'I want a mummy.' It nearly broke my heart and of course we decided to adopt a child ourselves. And we just kept on.

"Being in Europe has made me appreciate the privilege of being an American more than ever and be desirable, and the number is increasing between 15 and 20 a day," she adds.

This is in addition to the huge number of children born of white American fathers. "We would like to help them, too," says Mabel, "but it is just too much for us."

Mabel is a former newspaper woman and worked for the Afro-American in Washington.

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The newspaper helped to interest American families in adopting the children.

The Scandinavian airline agreed to take the children to the United States without compelling the foster parents to pay the fare of an



RENA BURGER

Sigining autographs for admirers at arrival.

500 Greet 11th War Baby

By JAMES L. HICKS

NEW YORK — A little curly-haired, six-year-old German-born war baby girl stepped off marked the 11th German-born child adopted by American parents at Idlewild Airport. Rena Burger whose arrival here for adoption by Mr. and Mrs. Elton Taylor of Berlin, Md., after signing her own name with the grace of a sophisticated lady, proceeded to captivate and fascinate more than 500 persons at the airport including the parents who are used to the arrival of little German-American babies.

born babies — but Idlewild was ready to admit afterwards that it has never yet greeted one like Rena.

Grace Of A Model

Rena fascinated everyone who came within her range of vision. She stepped off the plane with the grace of a professional model.

She wore a cute little red dress, white shoes, a white blouse, a red jumper and a windbreaker jacket which was unzipped when she arrived.

As she stepped off the plane a wind current from one of the planes blew in her direction and she calmly paused and zippered up her jacket.

When she arrived at the customs agents, she reached into a cute little Fifth ave. - looking handbag that she carried lady-like on her arm, and produced her key for custom agents as if she had been traveling all her life.

Signed Own Name

Then to the amazement of all, Rena calmly signed her name on the custom papers with the flourish and grace of a Lena Horne.

All this was done to utter enjoyment of Mrs. Taylor who clasped Rena to her and said, "Oh, she's a darling, I love her, I love her, I love her!"

Mrs. Taylor was not the only one who fell in love with Rena on sight. Clerks, airline officials, photographers, newsmen, travelers everyone she met fell under her spell.

Soon Rena was walking around the airport with a crowd following her as if she were Rita Hayworth.

Poses Professionally

When AFRO photographer Jimmy Campbell sat her on her bag in a typical modeling pose, Rena coyly smoothed out lines of her tiny dress and cooperated as if she were a TV star.

All this — and she can not speak a word of English.

Scandinavian airlines official Peter Gompert who speaks German, introduced Rena to her new father and told her to kiss him.

Rena obliged with a heart-warming, arms around-the-neck kiss that showed her gratitude for her new found love.

When her new parents led Rena through the efforts of the Cosmopolitan Idlewild Airport, smiling Rena to the car, Rena got in and carefully moved a pair of shoes out of her way before sitting down. She tucked the shoes in a corner of the car. She was the perfect lady.

To Queenstown

The Taylors, who have been married eight years, drove to New York from Berlin to meet their new daughter, took her by auto to Queenstown, Md.

Leon Williams of Queenstown, a brother-in-law of the couple, came to New York with them and Rena was taken to the Williams home, where she will be greeted by the Williams's two sons, aged six and 11.

The parents felt the two boys will be of great help in getting Rena over first adjustment stages. Mr. Taylor is a landscape gardener. Mrs. Taylor is a teacher of economics at Worcester High, Snow Hill, Md.

Read AFRO

Like so many other couples, they learned of the possibility of adopting war babies through reading the AFRO. Mrs. Taylor saw the story in the AFRO and immediately wrote AFRO correspondent Mable Grammer in Germany. Mrs. Grammer sent a picture and the Taylors immediately fell in love with Rena.

They got busy and the adoption followed.

Schooling Planned

There are only a few school days left before vacation, but anxious Mrs. Taylor said, "Oh, yes, I'm going to put her in school."

After about a half hour's wait, Mr. Taylor began pacing the floor saying, "I think it's about time they let me have a look at her, too."

When Rena and her mother finally did come out, Mrs. Taylor said, "Darling, here's your daughter," and Rena went to his arms.

Mrs. Taylor was just as excited as an expectant mother.

"If anything had gone wrong, I just don't know what would have happened to her," Mr. Taylor said.

Father Paced Floor

Mr. Taylor did not say so, but he was excited too.

Mrs. Taylor was allowed to go inside and greet Rena as she came through customs. Mr. Taylor had to wait outside.

Most of the trans-ocean planes arriving here with babies are usually a few hours late, Rena's



WITH NEW PARENTS — Mr. and Mrs. Elton Taylor with their new adopted daughter, Rena Burger.

plane, however, was an hour early.

Plane Early; Parents Early

This could have caused untold complications at the airport had it not been for eagerness of the Taylors. They were at the airport before the plane arrived.

As they drove away, one got the feeling that a fine little lady had found herself a fine home with some fine people.

Another baby is scheduled to arrive here in June for adoption by parents in Seattle, Wash.

Brown Babies Arrive In America



HAPPY LANDING — Eight German "brown Washington, D. C.; Hedi Hecht, to Earl William-babies" crowd ramp of Scandinavian airliners of Orangeburg, S. C.; in arms of second which brought them to America from Germany hostess, Barbara Wenngren, is Daniel Paprochi, last Saturday for adoption by American parents. 3, going to the Cardwells of Washington, D. C.; Children are (from top) Raymond Hardt, 2, (in left of hostess is Wilhelmenia Buckemeir, to the arms of hostess, Inga-Greta Oestman), going to Robert McGraws of Washington; Harlinde Blesch, Dr. and Mrs. Harry N. Jones, Washington, D. C.; going to the Emmit Caldwell's of Baltimore, and left of the hostess is Oliver Uhl, 3, going to Mrs. Clara Kraft, to the Winston Lawsons of Baltimore. Eleanor Mitchell, Bronx, N. Y.; in front of him bidding children goodbye is Captain Ahn Berg. — is Helga Hahn, adopted by Mrs. Thomas Baskett. (Photo by James Campbell)



GREET NEW BROTHER — Sonja Anne Liese, (center), and Malinda Cheryl welcome new brother, Daniel, 3, from Germany. All are the adopted children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Cardwell, 1831 Kalorama rd., nw, Washington, D.C. Mr. Cardwell, a Federal worker, and Mrs. Cardwell, a nurse, also operate a dairy farm. The adoption was arranged by Mrs. Mable Grammer, AFRO writer in Germany through the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, which has arranged for the adoption of 22 babies. (More photos in Magazine)



NEW ARRIVAL—Mrs. Harry N. Jones, wife of Dr. Jones, of 5960 Southern ave., ne, Washington, D.C., is shown with Raymund, 2, German brown baby, who arrived in the states Saturday, with seven other adopted children. Mrs. Mable Grammer, AFRO writer in Germany, arranged the adoption through the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

The action is regretted and the incident regretted by the couple who sought to adopt one for their local home, succumbing to the ugly head of Jim Crow once again in this city of 300,000, of which 95,000 are colored.

*Fla. town
ays. Amer. cool toward
brown' baby*

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—The ugly spectre of Jim Crow raised its head here last week when plans of a local couple to adopt a German brown baby were rebuffed by city officials.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Forrester, for many years ~~influential~~ residents here, stated to the press last Tuesday that they had a social worker, a colored case worker, look into the matter and make personal contacts to find out if they could bring a brown baby to Jacksonville for adoption should they be fortunate to obtain one. It was reported that the city

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Brown Babies Arrive in U. S.



Brown babies from Germany arrive in the United States

NEW YORK—Seven American families were on hand here to greet this plane load of Brown Babies, who arrived here last week aboard the Scandinavian airliner, pictured above.

They made their seventeen-hour flight under the watchful eyes of Hostesses Barbara Wennergren, Inga Greta Ostman and Capt. Ahn Berg.

From top of stairs down, here are their destinations:

Raymond Hardt, 2, to Dr. and Mrs. Harry N. Jones, Washington, D. C.

Oliver Uhl, 3, to Mrs. Eleanor Mitchell, the Bronx, N. Y.; Helga Hecht, to Earl Williams, Orangeburg, S. C.

Daniel Paprochi, 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Cardwell, Washington, D. C.

Wilhelmenia Buckemeir, to the Robert McGraws, Washington, D. C.

Harlinda Blesch, to the Emmet Caldwell's of Baltimore, Md.

Clara Kraft, to the Winston Lawsons of Baltimore, Md.

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Pattie J. Jones*

Hobson Reynolds Tells Elks Brown Babies Worry Germans

ATLANTA, Ga. — Philadelphian Judge Hobson Reynolds, report ed to the Elks convention Monday that there are 95,000 illegitimate children fathered by American troops in Germany of which about ten thousand are colored boys and girls.

Mr. Reynolds, grand director of civil liberties for the Elks has just returned to this country from Europe where he studied the conditions among such children therea definite contribution for this and also among American soldiers great problem" he added. stationed in Germany.

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their children are older.

Many of the children, he said, will be unable to attend school because of financial reasons. He said he feels the U. S. government should assist them in this direction.

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"I AM hopeful that we, as Elks, will raise a fund in order to make a definite contribution to this great problem" he added.

Mr. Reynolds also reported on colored soldiers in Germany.

He said there are 34,493 colored soldiers there and that 83 per cent or 28,666 are assigned to integrated units.

HE SAID the main complaint about lack of integration comes from men of the Engineer Corps.

Officers, he said, claim they have not had sufficient replacements to do the job while the men claim they are kept in the Engineers because it is laborious work.

Mr. Reynolds said he could not make up his mind which side was right.

German Tells Plight Of Brown Babies In Germany

A German born, liberal, who fled this nation when Hitler took over, fought in the U. S. Army and later returned to Frankfurt to fight for equality of thousands of tragedy-touched brown war babies, gave his

story to the Elks yesterday. He told his tale simply and straight-forward, and when he was through two \$100 donations toward the Elks \$29,000 Brown Baby Fund were brought to the speaker's stand.

Herman Eberling was like this:

Over at the World Brotherhood headquarters in Frankfurt, he felt the keen touch of race prejudice. He saw mothers wearing the badge of shame of unmarried motherhood, and their offsprings never to be accepted as a German, or as a fellow human beings.

CONTACTED BY ELKS

And then he was contacted by the Elks, and he came to America to visit their convention and witness the fruits of their labors, in his infinite struggle to "see the rights are extended to all people."

"They are good looking babies them were true. Some were false, but he asserted facts and figures which said that occupation forces had sired 95,000 babies during their stay in Germany, and 3,500 were colored.

"There have been no racial harasses," he said, but prejudice has shown its ugly head.

"They are good looking babies and they are nice," Eberling declared, and inferred that many Germans often spoke of their attractiveness. "However, ten years from now they will no longer be pretty babies," he said and declared that unless something was done for them most were headed for tragedy of segregation, and "can you blame them when they join the criminals of the maladjusted?"

LAWS NO HELP

To halt this growing hatred of Negro babies, the 12 states of Germany have setup laws to outlaw separate schools and housing. But this has not helped too much, he said.

He told the tragic story of a Germany woman who gave birth to a brown baby and later married a German. Shortly after they gave birth to a pure German, and when complications arose, gave both children to a home.

Later, the couple grew lonely and regained the custody of their Aryan child, but left the half Negro baby

for help of what he termed, not a problem of Germany, England and the U. S., but a "human problem."

This broke the child's heart and unable to understand why he was different, grew to hate all people. Later he was turned into a juvenile problem when he burned the school down. Eberling told the Elks he was going to tour this and other nations with officials.

foster parents meet and greet eight war babies

By JAMES L. HICKS

NEW YORK — Adult tears of joy mingled with childhood tears of wonderment and surprise Saturday as eight German war orphans marched through custom officials at Idlewild Airport into the waiting arms of 15 eager parents to step forward and parents who had adopted them claim them as the names were read.

The five girls and three boys, ranging in ages from 2 to 6 years, ~~the~~ largest of the group ever to arrive here under the plan spearheaded by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers to find homes for children born to German mothers and colored soldiers during the war and in the Army of Occupation.

The waiting parents got their first look at their new children in the crowd. She had already recognized him and was just waiting for her cue to really start being his mother.

Proud Parents Waiting
By the time they did arrive all the parents were huddled in a group around the door of customs officials waiting for that first glimpse. In this group were

Messrs. and Mesdames Isaac Mitchell of 812 E. 220th st., Bronx; Winston J. Lawson, 2214 Presstman st., Baltimore; Dr. and Mrs. Harry N. Jones, 5950 Southern ave. se., Washington, D.C.; ~~Summ~~ Caldwell, 7419 Beech ave., Baltimore; Edward F. Cardwell, 1831 Kalorama rd., nw; Robert McGraw, 148 Jackson st., ne; Mrs. Thomas Baskett, 1034 Evart st., ne, are of Washington, D.C., and Earl W. Williams, 224 Bull st., nw, Orangeburg, S.C.

The children came through the customs official door in the watchful eyes of two Scandinavian Airline Hostesses, Aga-greta Oestman and Barbara Wengen, who had cared for them since they boarded the Scandinavian DC 6B airliner at 1:00 p.m. on Friday at Bremen.

As photographers' bulbs burst around the children the waiting parents moved in on the group. Some recognized their adopted duck takes to water. Probably the most excited person of them. Others were not so sure. son at the airport was ten-year-old Peter Gompert, Scandinavian of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson of

Baltimore who were on hand to adopt six-year-old Clara Kraft.

Five-Hour Strain

The long five-hour delay of her new sister's arrival was almost too much for Paula. During the long wait, Paula and the writer had a soda together in the airport drugstore.

Paula, a student at Baltimore school 142, said she had never seen a picture of her sister to be and she had no idea what she was going to look like.

"But it really doesn't matter what she looks like," she said excitedly, "just so she can play."

21 Dolls For Sister

I then asked her what kind of games she planned to play with her new sister. "Any kind she wants to," she said, "I like indoor games a lot — like checkers."

Paula then told me that she already has 21 dolls all ready for the two of them to begin playing with and that "I'm going to get mother to get us some more."

She said she had always wanted a sister and she almost "jumped to the ceiling" when her mother told her she would have one from Germany.

To Begin Introductions

Paula said one of the first things she would do would be to introduce Clara to Anastasia Phillips, daughter of Dr. Franklin Phillips of 1505 Bentallou st., Baltimore, who is one of her favorite playmates. Anastasia had promised Paula that she would come over to her house Saturday night as soon as they arrived back from New York.

The scene was "old hat" to the Cardwells who had adopted three German babies before Saturday and Daniel made their fourth child.

Pert six-year-old Wilhelmine Buckemeier was claimed by the Robert McGraws of Washington. They too whisked their new daughter away from the crowd and photographers had to photograph them on the move.

Makes Hasty Exit
Five-year-old Helga Hann was claimed by Mrs. Baskett of Washington, who made a hasty exit also.

Little Hedi Hecht went to Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Orangeburg. She's five years old and some recognized their adopted duck takes to water.

The fact that none of the children had any clothing except those they wore caused many of

the parents to make a rush for downtown New York to pick up some clothes before the stores closed.

All of the adopting parents first got the idea of adopting the children through the AFRO-AMERICAN'S news columns. All were high in their praise of Mrs. Mable Grammer, AFRO correspondent in Germany, who has handled all the adoptions.

The parents were from various walks of life. Mr. Caldwell is a postal employee and his wife an employee of the Franklin School in Baltimore.

SS Worker And Teacher

The Lawsons of Baltimore brought along Mrs. Millie Stewart, mother of Mrs. Lawson, in addition to Paula. Mr. Lawson is an employee of the Social Security Administration. Mrs. Lawson, a teacher at Carver High school.

Mr. Williams of Orangeburg is in the plumbing business there and Mrs. Williams is a schoolteacher.

Mr. Cardwell is a Federal worker and Mrs. Cardwell is a nurse. They also operate a dairy farm.

pleted by Mrs. Mabel Grammer, AFRO correspondent, for the transfer of the children from Germany to America.

Face Cloudy Future

(Mrs. Grammer has been instrumental in arranging the adoption of a number of the children by American couples).

At present the Brown Babies in Germany face a cloudy future, because of the inability or lack of desire of many of the mothers to care for them.

A majority of the children were born of colored American soldiers and German women during and immediately after the last World War.

Ala. couple denied mixed German tot

DECATUR, Ala. — A local couple has been informed by the State Department of Public Welfare that they will not be permitted to bring a German War baby into Alabama.

Notification of the ban against the war babies, born of colored fathers and German mothers, ~~for~~ ^{that} the couple ~~cancel~~ ^{carefully made} adoption plans.

The action of Alabama marks the first known instance in which state ~~officials~~ ^{intervened} to prohibit such children from entering a state.

A Number Adopted

A number of the babies have already been adopted by colored American couples with little reported official opposition, not even in Virginia and Arkansas.

The wrecking of the plans of the Alabama couple by the state edict, came after preliminary arrangements had been com-

re German War Babies Thrill At First Glimpse Of New World—America



These two German war babies, William and Elise, adopted to Richmond via American Air-lines.

AFRO WRITER FINDS AMERICAN HOMES:

Two More War Babies Arrive For Adoption

(See Photos on Page 9)

By JAMES L. HICKS

NEW YORK — Two more cute brown German war babies arrived here early Wednesday morning and, after an overnight stay in Harlem, flew on to Richmond, Va., for adoption by a Richmond school teacher who was unable

to meet them here.

The two children, Elis an au-burn haired girl of four, and William, a blue-eyed healthy 5-year-old boy, were met at International Airport by two matronly Harlem women, Mrs. Irene Thompson and Mrs. Paul Tomlin of 400 W. 150th st., the plan worked out by Mrs. Mable Grammer, AFRO-AMERI-



CAN writer in Germany.
Evans Auto Damaged

Mrs. Thompson said Mrs. Evans and her husband, a railway express employee, had planned to drive to New York and meet the children and drive them back to Richmond but were unable to do so after their automobile was damaged in an accident.

Mrs. Evans' failure to appear at the airport caused innumerable complications which resulted in a delay of the children moving from New York to Richmond.

She had secured tickets for their passage on Eastern Airlines three weeks earlier but had not confirmed the actual flight on which they were to leave and early Wednesday morning airline officials were unable to find

space on any planes out of LaGuardia or Idlewild to Richmond.

Due Here Tuesday

Scheduled to arrive in New York at 10:30 Tuesday morning, the two children who flew the ocean in the custody of Scandinavian airline hostesses, did not arrive here until 2:30 a.m. Wednesday morning and were not cleared through customs until about an hour later.

An unexpected turn of events made them feel somewhat at home momentarily, however, for at the airport they were thrown into the company of a white German mother from Philadelphia, who is married to a colored soldier now serving in Korea and who was at the airport to claim her two German babies which she had not seen in four and a half years.

The attractive German mother was Mrs. Maria Roane, wife of Sgt. Thomas Roane of 5422 Sansom st., Philadelphia.

Met Her Daughters

Mrs. Roane was at the airport to greet her two sons, Dieter and Herbert.

Elise and William, the two children being adopted by Mrs. Evans, walked off the plane into the arms of Mrs. Tomlin and Mrs. Thompson. William was smiling and babbling in German which neither of the American women understood, but Mrs. Roane, the German mother, greeted him in German and his face lit up like a light bulb.

Elise, however, apparently did not like her first impression of America and in typical feminine fashion she promptly began to cry all over the airport despite the motherly attention given her by Mrs. Thompson.

German Stopped Tears

The only time Elise would stop crying was when Mrs. Roane would put her arms around her and speak to her in German.

This could not continue all night, however, and Elise and William were finally bundled into this reporter's car and headed for Manhattan with Mrs. Roane and her two sons following behind in the Roane's car.

Elise continued to cry all down the Grand Central parkway until Mrs. Roane pulled her car alongside the writer's car and one of Mrs. Roane's sons rolled his window down and yelled one



word to Elise in German.

No More Tears

No one in this reporter's car knew what he said, but apparently Elise did for she straightened up from then on and did not shed a single tear from there into Harlem.

As for William, he was a perfect little gentleman.

First German war babies for whom the AFRO arranged new homes in America were four-year-old Edward and four-year-old Sonja, who were adopted last month by Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Cardwell of Washington.

By GOLF DORNSEIF

FRANKFURT, Germany — More than 50 outstanding German educators and PTA representatives met here in Frankfurt recently to discuss the present situation of 3,500 tan school children who just completed their first year in mixed classes at Bonn Republic students and face either transfers to higher grades or being dropped right before Easter each year.

Headed by Mrs. Bertha Roemer, Frankfurt Magistrate School Council, the delegates agreed to announce the following most important conclusion after an extensive discussion.

"1. Colored first-graders have proved to be as intelligent as white children with numerous cases of far above average intelligence reported by critical teachers.

Stricken First-Grader

A simple but effective lecture on how to successfully cure a complex-stricken brown first-grader, afraid of leaving her chair to step in front of the class and scribble a few words on the blackboard, was given by a woman teacher demonstrating what she had witnessed with a girl named Gaby.

High praise was given to Frankfurt's teaching staffs for their progressive methods of integration having provoked not a single case of discrimination during the first year of mixed classes compared with other West German communities being less tolerant.

For the time being some 30 colored boys and girls go to Frankfurt schools with about 200 more scattered in other Hesse-

state communities. Fifty percent of these children live with German foster parents (not adoptive parents) while the rest divides into kids being taken care of by their German mothers or close relatives and a still smaller percentage living in orphanages.

Ex-GI's May Find Their Ago-American ^{p. 9} Children Thru The AFRO

By MRS. MABLE GRAMMER

Many service men who are interested in locating their German-American children should write to the AFRO.

They may be as fortunate as a sergeant at present stationed in France, who because of the kind assistance of a lawyer in Bonn, Germany will be able to adopt his son.

The following letter was received from the serviceman:

"I would appreciate it very much if you would help me locate and adopt my son. His mother resides in Deggendorf, N.B. If it is possible to get in touch with her, ask if she will agree for me to have our son." *Back to me*

Information obtained through the good offices of the lawyer in Bonn, who after reading of the efforts put forth to help obtain homes for the German-American children is as follows: *5-16-23*

"Information was received from the village clerk that the mother married a German man and went to Munich leaving the child in the custody of the grandmother.

The mother was contacted in Munich and she seems to be willing to give her consent for adoption but only after receiving some additional information.

The letter from the mother:

"With reference to your recent letter concerning the adoption of my child I would like to ask the following questions:

"Is the father back in the United States or is he stationed in France? Who there will take care of the child pending his return? How is his financial situation?

"This is meant only for the child's future and would he allow me to ask him at any time how the child is getting along? Later would he permit me to exchange letters with my child? This I must know before I can ponder over the proposal or accept it."

FRANZ BRACHMANN

When the following questions were submitted to the service man in France he replied that his wife would join him in France within a few months and is crazy about the child. His financial status is good and he has a substantial bank account.

He agrees for the mother to write and inquire about the child at any time and also to exchange letters. He is very anxious for the mother to know that he and his wife both realize that his son is her child also, and when one can't write the other will and keep her informed of his welfare.

The next letter is from a former service man now in the U.S.A., he was not as fortunate as the service man in France. But if he will send one original letter with the name and address then further search will be made for his child.

His letter:

"I served in the ETO for 20 months, leaving there in Feb. 1946. While stationed in Munich, and Gauting (a very small village some nine miles to the south) Germany, I met, and went around with one of the girls there. I arrived home in March of the same year and received one letter from her upon my arrival. In January 1947, I received another letter from her censuring me for not returning to her, and informing me that I was the father of her very small son. May I add at this point that the girl's name was Anna Arrinwald.

"I know that this is the story of hundreds of colored soldiers, and fully realize that six or seven years is a long time. If it is possible, I would like to contact, and adopt the child mentioned."

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Information obtained by the lawyer:

"I contacted the town administration of Gauting and Grattersdorf. I received a note saying that Miss Anna Arrinwald is unknown to the people of Gauting.

Also a child born at the time indicated and bearing the last name "A," or a similar one cannot be found in the municipal birth registers. Maybe the name as given to you is not the correct one and really it sounds a bit strange.

"If it is possible for you to make further inquiries and find out where the child actually was born and where it is, to date, please let me know in order to resume my investigations.

If one is interested in locating his child then please inclose a letter in the original handwriting of the fraulein in question. Give as much recent information as possible and send it to the AFRO and it will be forwarded to me if your request seems to be a legitimate one. Be sure to inclose postage for a reply.

WAR II WAR BABIES



Adopt War Babies— Dr. D. W. Young (right), retired druggist, and his wife (center), a beauty shop operator, of Pine Bluff, Ark., have adopted two German-American war babies. Father W. J. Jans (left) helped the Youngs arrange the adoptions. Father Jans is holding Juanita Ruth Schoelich and

Greeted at Airport by New Parents

War Babies Fly 5.000

PINE BLUFF, Ark.—Following a 5,200-mile journey by air from Germany, two German-American war babies have found a wonderful home here with their adopted parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Young.

They were tired and sleepy when they arrived at Adams Field in Little Rock, Ark. the priest.

A priest hurried down the aisle of the plane as a stewardess aroused the children. "Wie geht's?" he said comfortingly. "Ist Juanita?" "Ja," she said. And as Juanita Ruth Schoelich assured him that she had slept well, she stretched out her arms to the priest, realizing that at last she was home.

The girl rubbed her eyes. "Haben sie ~~gut~~ geschlafen?" asked Juanita and the boy who will be her brother, Janisch. Monses, were wakened. Their fathers

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were American Negro soldiers; Dr. and Mrs. Young read about their mothers, German women them, and the thousands of others who were hungry both for love and for adopt them and food. *per* With the help of their German

There are thousands of such children in Germany, most of them unwanted, official figures show. Their mothers can't support them, the fathers usually speaking priest, arrangements were begun in January.

are unknown, the orphanages are overcrowded. Mrs. M. A. Grammar, who lives at 7 Arndstrasse in Mannheim

Juanita and Janosch are a lucky two among the thousands. They have a home now, a comfortable, five-room apartment at 219½ East Third Street in Pine Bluff.

Dr. D. W. Young, a retired pharmacist who now is a drug manufacturer, paced the floor as anxiously as if he were expecting the birth of a child. His wife nervously watched the clock as they waited for the American Airlines plane from New York.

Juanita and Janosch speak only German—and the Youngs were afraid the children would be frightened by the plane trip with persons who speak only English.

"Thank you so much for taking care of them," Mrs. Young told Stewardess Marjorie Durham.

"Oh it was nothing," Miss Durham replied. "I really enjoyed having them aboard."

The Youngs don't speak German either, but their priest, the Rev. W. J. Jans, pointed out that three nuns at St. Peter's parochial school speak German. "We'll have them speaking English in no time," he said.

Janosch didn't say a word during the half hour before the Youngs and their new children left Adams Field for Pine Bluff. Once Father Jans asked him if he were tired: "Sind sie müde?" But the boy only cuddled into Mrs. Young's arms.

But Juanita had answers for all the priest's questions.

Ja, she understood him. Nein, she wasn't afraid. Ja—and another grin—she was glad to be here. And she knows at least one American term. Coca-Cola. An offer of one brought a nod and a big smile.

Juanita and Janosch were born in 1946—one in August, the other in October—at Hersfeld, a town of 15,000 population in the American Zone of Germany about fifty miles from Frankfurt.

ers; Dr. and Mrs. Young read about them, and the thousands of other love ers, and decided to adopt them. With the help of their German speaking priest, arrangements such were begun in January.

Mrs. M. A. Grammar, who lives at 7 Arndstrasse in Mannheim, handled most of the paper work. She had adopted five and was attempting to place others in the United States.

Juanita and Janosch spent two months in a Catholic orphanage. They got physical examinations and inoculations. Mrs. Grammar obtained adoption permits and entry visas.

"I even had to send them a copy of my last income tax report so they could tell if we could support the children," Dr. Young said.

There won't be much trouble on that score. He's 75 but doesn't appear that old; ran a drugstore at Pine Bluff for forty years, now owns several buildings in addition to his drug manufacturing business. Mrs. Young operates a beauty parlor.

The papers, preparation and 5,000-mile plane trip from Hamburg for the two children cost Young about \$600. "It was worth it," he said as he smilingly hoisted Janosch to his shoulder.



War Babies Arrive—German-American war babies pose for camera after arriving by air at New York airport. They were under the watchful eyes of Jean Cole who is holding little Uta Schaab. Others, left to right: Peter Oberberger, Jonasch Monsees, Imgrad Schaab and Juanita Ruth Schoelich. They are the children of German women and Negro GIs stationed in Germany. Peter has been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. A. Haynes of Ontario, Calif.; Juanita and Jonasch will become the adopted children of Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Young of Pine Bluff, Ark., and Imgrad and Uta have found homes in Bakersfield, Calif., in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Famborough.—Campbell Photo.

War Baby Arrives In Md.

BERLIN, Md.— Accompanied by new parents who greeted her at New York's Idlewild Airport, Maryland's first war baby, Renata Taylor, arrived at her home here Thursday night.

Almost as soon as the new arrivals got into the house, curious neighbors crowded into the living room of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Taylor to get a long-awaited glimpse of the cute, curly-haired girl.

Although obviously tired after the long motor trip from New York, the 7-year-old girl greeted each visitor with a smile while the Taylors beamed with pride. Finally Mrs. Adela Taylor good-naturedly shooed the visitors outside and put Renata to bed.

The next morning, Friday, Mrs. Taylor, a home economics teacher at Worcester High School, Snow Hill, took Renata to school with her. The vivacious, friendly child speaks only German, but completely captivated both teachers and pupils at the school.

Watches Memorial Parade

Saturday was Decoration Day and Elton Taylor drove his wife and newly found daughter to downtown Berlin to watch the parade. According to Mrs. Taylor, "Renata pranced around like a drum majorette when she heard the band music."

The Taylors have been married since 1945 but never had a child. After she read an AFRO article on German war babies written by Mable Grammer, Mrs. Taylor took the necessary steps to adopt one of the children.

Once before Mrs. Taylor and her husband, a landscape gardener, attempted to adopt a Maryland baby, but the child selected by them suddenly died before the adoption was completed.

The adoption of Renata Taylor marked the 11th German-born child adopted by American parents through the efforts of the AFRO.



RENATA BURGER TAYLOR
Signing autographs for admirers at arrival.

Brown Babies Feel Brunt Of Racial Bar In Germany



Adopt Brown Babies— Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cardwell, Washington, D. C., were made happy last week when Sonja, 4, and Eduard, 5, arrived from a children's home in Germany. The Cardwells received the children at LaGuardia airport in New York. They arranged to adopt the children after reading an item in the Courier. The children's father is an unknown Negro GI and their mother is German.—Cabell Photo.



ROBERT SCHWEIGER

Mother Appeals To St. Louis Father

Despite recent reports from Munich, Germany that Germany's famous "Brown Babies" are getting along "very well," other disclosures reveal that racial segregation against these helpless tots is still strongly practiced. According to the report, the 76 half-Negro children enrolled in Munich schools have been accepted by their playmates, teachers and local citizens. *Argus*

The only difficulties—which are rare—reports the Munich Sueddeutscher Zeitung.

local newspaper, have been made by the parents. The youngsters, most of the foundlings, are the children of American soldiers and German girls. Some are in homes and have foster parents. *P. 26 - 53*

In a letter received at the Argus, however, one mother of a bright-eyed 13-year old boy charges that she lost her job because of her boy, Robert.

According to Gertrude Schweiger, "I lost



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job with the firm Wollworth of Munich, because of my brown child, Robert. I have been unemployed since July, 1949 and my unemployment benefits amount to \$17.50 a month.

Miss Schweiger, 25, Flossergasse 21/ol, Germany, is attempting to locate the father of her boy who is at St. Louis. In her letter she said she last heard from the soldier in 1947 after he had returned to the States. She said he told her of a sister in Washington, D. C., who operated a beauty parlor.

In a detailed and pathetic letter, the German girl wrote:

"... I certainly cannot go on living with so little money... Perhaps the sister... could send me some money... or clothing as I am much distressed. Or perhaps I would be able to obtain a job or some relief from a brown American family."

"Louis, who was with a Trucking Company, promised to come back. I have only received one small parcel from him... Must this be all for a lifetime?"

"I am enclosing a picture of Louis, Robert at 3 1/2 and myself."

FRAULEINS THANK AFRO:

Two More War Babies En Route To Richmond

MANNHEIM, Germany — Two more brown German babies, Elise and William, left Rhine-Main airport here Monday by Scandinavian Air Lines for America.

The youngsters will find a new home as a result of work by AFRO writer, Mabel Alston Grammer of Mannheim-Freudenheim.

Their new home will be in Richmond, Va., where they will be legally adopted by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Evans. Mrs. Evans is a school teacher. They are due to arrive at International Airport, NYC on Wednesday, Feb. 11. *P.*

Last month, the first brown babies arrived in Washington to live with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Caldwell. Their journey was also arranged by Mrs. Grammer.

The new arrivals are the children of Frauleins Anneliese Reubekel and Ruth Eva Biebler, all of the Mannheim area.

"Thanks to the AFRO for helping to give our children a new life in America. We are deeply grieved to know that they will soon leave us but we are happy to know that they will have many things that we cannot afford to give them," the youthful mothers said.

Anneliese, a rather healthy golden blonde said "I wanted to get married to my daughter's father, and even after I learned of his marriage I wanted him to have his child but he never answered my letters begging him to send for her."

"Even though I have had a very hard time, I have considered putting my little girl in a kinderheim (orphans home), I have tried to give her the love and protection a child of her age should have. I have a son 7

years old by a German man and the burden of trying to educate, feed and clothe two growing children on my meager income just cannot be done."

"I am happy to know that Elsie is going to wonderful people in America, and know in time they will love her dearly. I don't want to leave Germany as I hope to marry a German man in the near future. I can only again say thank you AFRO and I shall pray that your progress as a great newspaper will continue."

Ruth is a very buxom and charming person. She said:

"I hope that the new mother will understand that my son's father was a wonderful, intelligent and good man. I am sorry that he neglected to keep up the correspondence and send for his child as he promised.

"I also want her to know that



WILLIAM

my boy is good, at first he is very quiet and will not talk much but after he is around for a while he will be the life of the party. All of the neighbors and personnel at the GYA (German Youth Association) are very much in love with him.

She Loves Her Son

"I am giving my son up because I know that he will have a better life in America as he grows older, and I love him so much is the reason I want him to go the USA and a good mother and father."

"Many people in America have read much about frauleins and much of it has been not so good. I don't think that there have been many articles about many

the necessary papers.

"My father was tolerant at first with my child but since he has given up hope of me getting married or William's father sending for him he is very mean to us both, and at times chases us both from the house. I must return to our home because rooms are very hard to find especially if one has a brown-German-American child."

"I don't think that my father really means to be cruel but because of his constant nagging William has become a very quiet child, and seems to feel now that he is growing older that he is not wanted."

"I must work and I understand from some of the neighbors

Evanses, Well-Known Richmond Residents, Await War Babies

Awaiting arrival of the children in Richmond are Mrs. Celeste Weaver Evans, a teacher at Baker Elementary school, and life long resident of this city and her husband, C. W. Evans, a railway express worker.

They have one daughter, Miss Dorothy Evans, a 1952 graduate of Virginia Union University. Mrs. Evans is a member of Fifth Street Baptist church, and is well known in educational and religious circles. They live at 403 E. Clay St.

that when I go to my job, my child is not fed properly although I give money to my family for food, etc. I have five sisters and three brothers and all but one give William a very hard time.



ELISE

Was Russian Prisoner

many's immoral women. R. C. M.

"Father was confined for several years in a Russian prison where he suffered from malnutrition. This accounts in some way for his attitude. Despite my many hardships I have given my son the very best care that I could."

"He now needs the love of parents and pleasant surroundings. I cannot be with him and give such care as a growing boy needs. I have to go to work early in the morning at the factory and return very late in the evening."

Parents Meet Two German War Babies

dat. 2-14-53 RICHMOND

Two tired German children arrived in Richmond Tuesday night to begin life as American citizens. After arriving in New York by Scandinavian Airlines in a flight across the Atlantic, they were flown to Richmond.

Elsie, an auburn-haired girl of four, slept all the way to Richmond, but William, a blue-eyed five-year-old boy, was the "life of the flight," the AFRO was told by the blonde stewardess.

Beautiful Children

She seemed quite impressed with the youngsters. "They are beautiful children," she said.

Mrs. Celeste Evans Richmond school teacher who with her husband, Willie, adopted the children, was on hand to greet the plane.

Her daughter, Dorothy, also a school teacher, accompanied her mother.

AFRO There

In addition the official greeting family included Rufus Wells, Richmond AFRO editor, and Floyd Cephas, AFRO circulation distributor, and a relative of Mrs. Evans.

Mrs. Evans entered the plane and brought the girl down the ramp. Her daughter escorted the boy and a car hurriedly spirited them away.

AGAINST GERMAN BABIES

Chicago — I noticed by the AFRO that one Mabel Grammer is gathering all the little German colored babies and shipping them to this country.

If big-hearted Mabel is so concerned about German wives, why doesn't she become more concerned about colored orphans in this country?

We have more colored illegitimate babies here now than we want. Certainly we don't want the riff raff of Ger-

AFRO Arranges Adoption Of First Brown Babies



America's mechanical marvels them to play with) to the electric light in the ceiling of their youngers from Germany most new home at 1831 Kalorama —from the flashbulbs (which rd., nw, Washington, D.C. an AFRO photographer gave "They just love the telephone," said their new adoptive moth-

er, shown with them. She is Mrs. Hattie M. Cardwell, and the children are Sonja (left), 4 and Eduard, 5. See more about the Cardwells in AFRC Magazine in this issue.

D.C. Couple Adopts First Brown Babies

Ago-American
German Girl, Boy Find New Capital Home 'Wonderful'
Scandinavian

By JAMES L. HICKS

NEW YORK — A shy little 4-year-old German girl and a husky little 5-year-old German boy stepped off a Transatlantic Scandinavian airplane early Wednesday morning into the waiting arms of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Cardwell of Washington, to become the first brown babies to arrive in this country for adoption. *1-24-53*

Their arrival wrote a thrilling climax to an international story which reads like a Hollywood movie script.

The story began back in Sep-

First Hitch

tember of last year when Mr. down that the couple had been and Mrs. Cardwell approved for the complete adoption of the children. The Cardwell read a news item in the wells asked Mable to send them AFRO - American to the states at once. can regarding Then the first hitch developed. the plight of the major airlines of America regarding Brown Babies used to transport such young in Germany children unless accompanied by fathered by col-an adult.

Mrs. Grammer The article was written by Mable A. L. Grammer, a reporter assigned to the AFRO's Washington, office for many years, and now the wife of a warrant officer stationed in Germany.

After reading the touching article the Cardwells, who have no children, made up their minds to adopt two of the German war babies. They immediately got in touch with Mable through the AFRO - AMERICAN. They told her they wanted a girl and a boy and Mable got busy.

In less than a month's time the German government, breaking with precedent, had given the Cardwells special permission to be the guardians of Eduard and Sonja, the two children Mable had selected for them.

The Cardwells began to pay the board and keep of the two children whom they had never seen while they enrolled in the St. Joseph Kinderheim in Frankfurt.

Scheduled to arrive in New York at 11:20 Tuesday morning, the delay at Copenhagen moved

the time of arrival up to 1:30 Tuesday night.

The Cardwells, who arrived in New York early Tuesday by car, received the bad news when they arrived, and did the next best thing. They checked in at a hotel near the airport to watch the skies and wait.

At ten o'clock Tuesday night when I joined them in their hotel room, the story was building to a climax. Mrs. Cardwell, a nurse at Freedmen's hospital, sat by the phone and called the airport every hour on the hour for new information about "My babies."

"I'm Numb..."

I asked her how she felt. "I'm numb," she said. "Just like a mother—" she did not finish the sentence. She did not need to. All of us in the room knew that here was a mother whose family was being born.

Mr. Cardwell walked the floor. He was the image of the expectant father.

Although the airport was only a few minutes ride Mrs. Cardwell led us out of the hotel to the airport at 12 o'clock sharp.

In the party as we left were Dr. John H. Cardwell of Montclair, N.J., an uncle of Mr. Cardwell's, and James M. Murray, Mrs. Cardwell's brother, and the couple's business partner in a highly successful dairy farm at Sterling, Va. AFRO photographer James Campbell and another photographer completed the party.

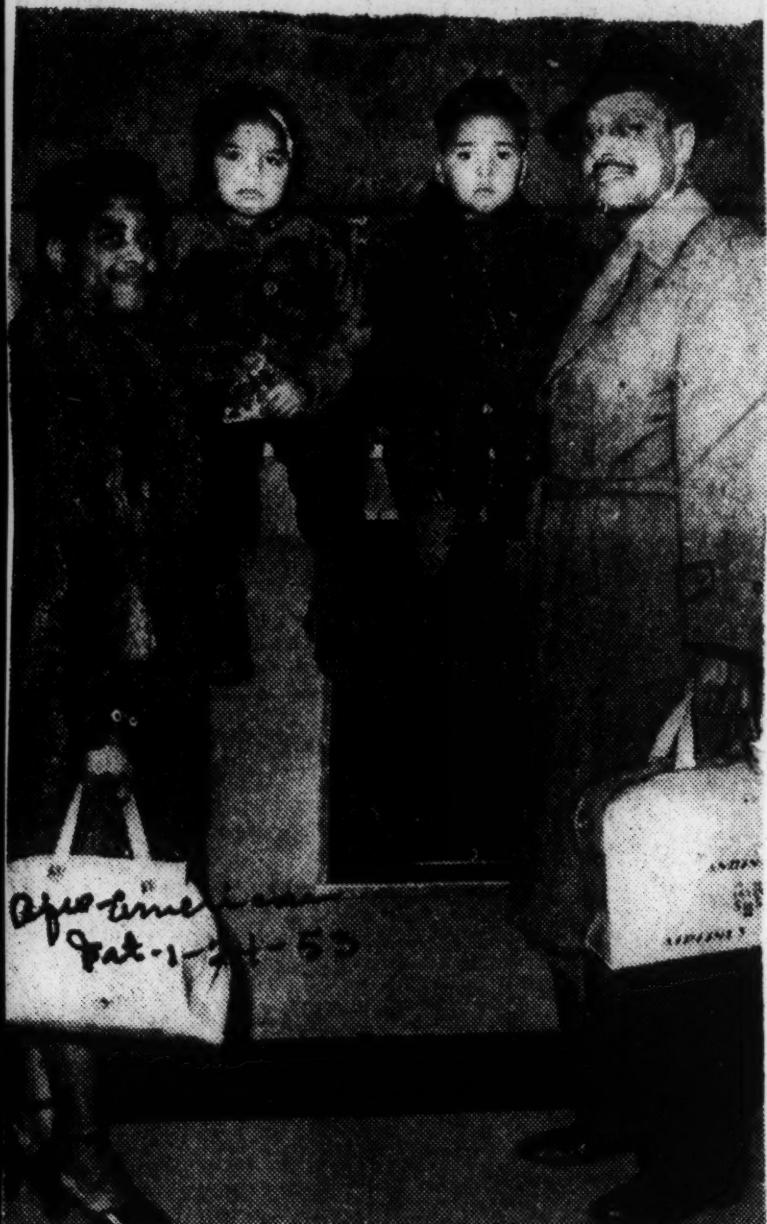
At the airport we drank coffee and speculated on what the kids might say when they first met their father and mother. Mr. Cardwell, who speaks high school German remembered that "mutter" was mother, and "vater" meant father. That was all he could remember at the moment.

At 1:15 the word came down that the plane would land in about five minutes. I could see Mrs. Cardwell weaken, although up to this point she had bravely stood up under it all in a long day which included motoring from Washington in addition to the waiting and suspense.

Agonizing Wait

Then came an agonizing solid half hour while the children passed through customs with other passengers. During this time Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell were less

The Family's Complete Now



Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Cardwell, Washington, shown outside Scandinavian air lines office in New York just after the two brown babies they adopted arrived by plane early Wednesday. For other photos of the first brown babies to arrive in U.S. for adoption, see AFRO Magazine in this issue. than thirty feet away from their US said no and Mr. and Mrs. children but could not see them Cardwell went in alone. because of a wall obstructing their vision.

A Transformation

Perhaps its best that that time even the reporters began to alone. For when they appeared feel like expectant fathers, a there was a transformation in customs official appeared, and both of them which apparently told the Cardwells they could en-can only be wrought by God and ter the room where the children perhaps God did not intend for mortals to see him work such a

This writer and the photograph-changers started forward with them. Mrs. Cardwell went through But custom officials blocked the door to us. There stood the whole girl. She came out with an arm United States blocking us from around each of her children. And seeing the one big moment we everything about her said she all wanted to see — when mom was no longer a shy, coy, winsome pop meet little sister and some girl. brother for the first time. But Here was the perfect picture

of a woman — a mother if you please... with all the love and tenderness and affection that only a woman who has children can present to the world.

Mr. Cardwell was no exception. While he went through the door with firmness there seemed to be the slightest hint of uncertainty about him.

But when he came out he was the picture of protection and affection... of a man who knows he has something and who is determined to protect and hold what he has.

They went into the room as man and wife — they came out as mom and dad — there is a great difference.

Children Silent

Sonja and Eduard couldn't speak a word of English to their new parents and they didn't try. They both maintained a stoic silence for a full fifteen minutes.

Try as they would the photographers could not get them to smile. They did not appear frightened or angry. They simply acted as two well disciplined people who did not see anything funny, and therefore they were not going to laugh.

Finally, however, AFRO photographer, Campbell offered Sonja a flash bulb. She reached for it, and he snatched it away. That did it.

Sonja gave out with the cutest grin on record and made a dive for the other bulbs.

That seemed to be Eduard's cue also. They shoved a bulb into the hands of each one and teachers and local citizens in the they became all smiles from then on.

Sonja arrived wearing a little short coat made of lamb wool, a green sweater, a little red snowsuit and a cute pair of stadi-foundling, are the children of um boots. She had a white rib bon under her little cap.

Eduard wore a little mackinaw, corduroy pants, a blue sweater and a pair of small GI shoes. Sonja weighs 42 pounds, and Eduard, 45.

All Catholics

The children are Catholics. Mrs. Cardwell is Catholic, and Mr. Cardwell is taking instructions in the Catholic church. They will be entered in nursery and kindergarten school in Washington.

The Cardwells live at 1831 Kalorama road nw. In Washington. Mr. Cardwell is a clerk at the main postoffice in Washington, a graduate of the University of Illi-

nois, and a native of Erie, In-diana. He served in the Airforce five years, and is a reserve officer.

Mrs. Cardwell is the former Hattie M. Murray. She was born in East Chicago, Ind., is a graduate of Howard University, Freedmen's hospital nursing school, and is currently employed at Freedmen's.

The couple has been married about a year and a half. Mr. Cardwell is 42 years old. Mrs. Cardwell has five brothers and one sister. Mr. Cardwell has one brother and a sister.

As soon as the picture taking was over at the airport I led the couple and Mr. Murray to the west side highway and gave them instructions how to get to the Holland Tunnel and the road home for Sonja and Eduard.

As Mr. Murray's 1953 Chrysl-er's taillight disappeared in the darkness down the road, one the children are sitting beside each other on the school benches road ahead for the new Cardwell family would be a pleasant one.

Germany's Brown Babys 'Doing Fine'

BONN, Germany (ANP)—Seventy-six half-colored children enrolled in Munich schools were reported last week as getting along "very well" with their playmates, teachers and local citizens in the surrounding areas.

The only difficulties and they are rare—have been made by parents, the Munich Suddeutscher Zeitung reports.

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One already has become a German movie star.

Teachers said the tan, coffee-hued youngsters were accepted very quickly by their playmates and often are favorites in their groups. Most of them know no English, and in Munich, speak German with a broad Bavarian accent.

It is estimated that approximately 300 "brown babies" are living in West Germany.

Segregation Issue By-passed

School No Problem For 'Brown Babies'

LUDWIGSHAFEN, West Germany—The decision of the local school authorities to by-pass segregation of the highly publicized "Brown Babies" was hailed a successful one here as the enrolment of "brown" first-graders virtually trebled this year.

Following the first school year of integrated education of light and dark-skinned first graders, school officials consider it evident that all apprehensions were unnecessary because the youngsters mixed more readily together than the adults ever expected.

A school principal reports their physical development very good, and teachers report that darkness down the road, one the children are sitting beside each other on the school benches road ahead for the new Cardwell family would be a pleasant one. free time they have the same interests.

THE BROWN-SKINNED children are reported to be mentally alert and absorb the educational material without any difficulty. The character of the children has been judged very good.

One teacher observes: The request of the timid adults who asked for separate school education for colored children was based on false preliminary suppositions.

"Wherever the white school children have shown antipathy and contempt, it was based on the influence of their parents. But very often the curly haired, love-longing and good natured children win the sympathy of the hesitating relatives and friends amazingly quick. Over 70 per cent of the colored children are living with their mothers. Only a negligible percentage have foster parents or have been adopted."

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NEW ARRIVALS IN U.S.—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar C. Haynes, of South Bend, Ind., with their two adopted German-American war babies, Agnes Paschkowsky, 7, and Werner Senf, 6, as the children met their new parents for the first time at New York's Idlewild Airport last week. The children are the 23rd and 24th Brown Babies adopted in America through the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers. The Hayneses are funeral directors in South Bend.



MR. AND MRS. OSCAR HAYNES, prominent funeral directors and Chicago Defender distributors in South Bend, Ind., heeded the article appearing in Defender Sept. 27 and adopted two German Brown Babies, offspring of American

GI's and German mothers. They met the children, Werner Senf, 6, and Agnes Paschkowsky, 7, last Saturday at New York's Idlewild Airport when they arrived on a Scandinavian Airlines stratospheric.

NEW ARRIVALS FROM GERMANY:

War babies steal scene from Schiaparelli models

By JAMES L. HICKS

NEW YORK — The arrival of two more German-American war babies in the United States Friday was enlivened by the presence at the airport of world famous designer Schiaparelli and a bevy of models who broke away from their job of being glamorous to shower motherly attention on the two youngsters.

The two new arrivals were Agnes Paschkowsky, 7, and Werner Senf, 6, who were welcomed at Idlewild airport by the new parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar C. Haynes of 2522 Lincoln Way West, South Bend, Ind.

The latest arrival of German-American babies brought to 24.

the total number of children who have found new American homes. A tall striking blond of German nationality, learned that the AFRO-AMERICAN newspaper started its adoption campaign. As Mr. and Mrs. Evans grasped about for German words in an attempt to converse with the children, Miss Michaels and the other models swept through the airport led by Schiaparelli herself.

With a cordon of reporters, photographers and theatrical people following the Schiaparelli troupe all over the airport, Miss Michaels suddenly left the troupe and came over to where Mrs. Evans sat with the children. Due to a delay in their flight the two youngsters landed at the airport along with world famous designer Schiaparelli and a group of his models.

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A Longing Kiss

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tle Werner in her arms and babbled to him in the language of their country. The little youngster brightened up and stopped crying for the first time since his arrival at the airport and babbled back in German to the pretty model.

Miss Michaels became so engrossed in talking to the children that she actually had to be pulled away from them by a member of the Schiaparelli troupe. She left Werner only after planting a longing kiss on his cheeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans who up to this time have not been blessed with children, quickly fell into the role of attentive loving parents.

They learned of the possibility of adopting them through the pages of the AFRO-AMERICAN. Upon reading the AFRO and seeing the happiness brought to others by the children the Evans made up their mind, but first decided to visit a family which had already adopted some of the children.

Visited Cardwells

The Cardwell family of Washington, D.C., which has already adopted four of the children, stood out most in their minds. So they took a trip to Washington last August to visit the Cardwells.

One look at that happy home did it. Back they went to South Bend and dashed off a letter to Mrs. Mable Grammer whose activity in getting the children homes in America has become so far flung that the children are now referred to all over the U.S. as "The Grammer Children."

That was in early September. Mrs. Grammer went to work with her usual swiftness. Friday, less than two months after they wrote and asked for the children, they arrived by plane.

Mrs. Evans is the former Odessa Bond of Baxter Springs, Kans. Mr. Evans is a native of New Orleans who has been a mortician in South Bend since 1922.

BROWN BABIES

Say Negroes

In America

Should Help

or send them outright financial aid for education and other purposes.

Mrs. Mau did not mention whether any effort is being made to assimilate the children into the German population. Under German law they are German citizens.

American Negroes were urged to give more assistance to illegitimate children of Negro service men in Germany this week.

Speaking in Chicago, Ursula Mau of Weisbaden, Ger., said, "They're American children as well as German. So why shouldn't Negro people over here do something about it."

Mrs. Mau is director of the Weisbaden office of the World Brotherhood movement. The Brotherhood is the international group of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, which is sponsoring her tour to study human relations.

MADE STUDY

Mrs. Mau made a special study of problems of Negro children in Germany.

Of the 90,000 illegitimate children of Negroes in Germany, only 3,600 had Negro fathers, she said. But in all cases only a handful of these children receive support from their fathers, she added.

Of the Negro children, 70 percent live with their mothers, according to Mrs. Mau. The others have been abandoned and live in orphanages, she said.

She predicted a gloomy picture for the futures of all of them. Although there is little racial prejudice apparent at this time, the children are marked for life as the offspring of occupation troops, illegitimates and Negroes, she said.

SUGGESTS ADOPTION

Most of the children are now between 5 and 7. "People usually love them when they are small. But I don't say that will be true in 10 years," she said.

She predicted most of the children will be unable to obtain decent educations after grade school.

She suggested American Negro families either adopt the children

MISS DODDS**Weds Spanish Newsman**

With Matti wilda
GENOA, Italy — Matti wilda Dobbs, the 27-year-old soprano from Atlanta, Ga. who recently had a widely acclaimed debut in Milan's La Scala Opera House, was married here Saturday to a Spanish journalist, Don Louis Rodrigues Gracia de la Piedra, 30, of Ledesma, Spain.

Miss Dobbs, a former Atlanta Sunday School singer, has been acclaimed the "outstanding coloratura voice in her generation." Her manager in the U. S., Sol Hurok, says next season she should sing in the Metropolitan Opera.

4-11-53
From a family of six sisters, Miss Dobbs is a graduate of Spelman college and in 1947 won the Marian Anderson scholarship. This summer she will sing at Glyndebourne, Britain's most fashionable music festival, during the Coronation season.



ENGLISHMAN TAKES BRIDE—Roger Franklin of London, England, and Miss Joan Allen of Cambridge, Mass., shown with their wedding party, left to right: Misses Arlene Baker, Josephine Kerr and Jerry Jackson, the newlyweds, John Bishoff, John Allen Jr., Fred Kerr; front; Miss Nina Gabo, Howard Rhone, ringbearer; Leda Johnson, flower girl, and Miss Barbara Jackson. (Photo by Thomas Studio)

GERMAN MATE SUDDENLY CHANGES HER MIND:**Judge orders Denver Ferguson to pay \$25,000 alimony to blonde photo wife**

4-11-21-53
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The aside by an order of Circuit Judge Claycombe said there divorce settlement between Judge Lloyd Claycombe, were indications that Ferguson Denver Ferguson and his German-born wife, Mrs. Lilo Ferguson, whom he won by inter-continental correspondence, took an unexpected turn last week, when Ferguson was ordered to pay \$25,000 alimony and \$5,000 attorneys fees, immediately.

This latest development between the well known businessman and his blonde wife, surprised many legal observers, in Germany, at the time he announced agreement, in which girl he intended to marry. Mrs. Ferguson was to get \$1,565 alimony, and \$750 attorneys fees.

The Oct. 7, settlement was set an annual income of \$15,000. Ferguson in 1949 with United States immigration authorities applied for a visa for the German girl he intended to marry.

Based On Statement

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and admitted they had marriage on their minds.

Of the two pictures, Ferguson selected that of Miss Lilo Rentsch, who appeared young, pretty and graceful. He forthwith struck up a romantic correspondence, during which Miss Rentsch finally agreed to marry the businessman.

Was Deceived

However, Ferguson said in his divorce action, when she arrived, she was not the same girl in the picture, in that she was older and weighed more than was apparent. He said they were married, nevertheless, in New York, with the agreement that once Miss Rentsch was firmly established in this country, the marriage would be annulled.

Ferguson declared that his German bride failed to live up to the agreement and he consequently instituted the suit for annulment on the ground he had been deceived by her description of herself before coming to America.

Saw Pictures

It was back in 1949, when Ferguson saw the widely-publicized pictures of two German girls in a popular magazine, who said they sought the acquaintance of American colored men



JOYCE THOMPSON, West Indian nurse, is embraced by her bride-groom, J. Halero Ferguson, English journalist, following their recent wedding in London. Seretse Khama, best man, stands at right

between the bride and her English bridesmaid. Khama, an African prince, was exiled from his tribe after he married Ruth Williams, a white English typist.

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INTERRACIAL NEWLYWEDS

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hinton, who were married last October by a Navy chaplain in Berkeley, Calif., pose following their wedding reception last Sunday, given by the bride's mother, Mrs. Hazel Jones, in Philadelphia. *Julius*

The Hintons met while each was attached to the navy hospital at *Oakland*, where the bridegroom, a Mississippian, was a corpsman, and the bride, the former *Lorraine Jones*, of Philadelphia, a nurse. *Julius*

They have announced that they intend to return to *Rich-ton*, Miss. to live while Hinton completes his college education there. In the meantime, the couple are living in Philadelphia, where Hinton is employed with a chemical research firm.

The bride's mother expressed satisfaction with the marriage, as did the bridegroom's mother who said, "When children become of age, they know what they want. Roland has my very best wishes, and will always be welcome here."



INTER-RACIAL WEDDING — Miss Lois Hines of New York City and Joseph Wheeler of

Washington were married in NYC, Tuesday.

Negro and White Wife Indicted In Floyd

Prestonsburg, Ky., Sept. 20 (AP)—A 70-year-old Floyd County Negro and his white wife, 26, have been indicted on a charge of fornication.

Named in the indictment last week were George Honaker and Catherine Jarrell Honaker, Tram, recently married in Ohio.

Commonwealth's Attorney Burnis Martin cited some devious ins and outs in Kentucky law on the subject.

The state law forbids mixed marriages on threat of a minimum fine of \$500.

There is another law, however, that a marriage of any resident of this state in another state where such marriage is valid, shall also be valid in Kentucky.

Ohio has no law against mixed marriages.

Martin said there is a Kentucky Court of Appeals decision on the point, however, on which the indictment was based.

That decision holds such a marriage performed in another state, is not valid in Kentucky if it is "contrary to public policy."

The Honakers were quoted as saying they had returned to Tram, of which the population is largely Negro, only temporarily, and that they planned to return to Ohio.

Tram is 13 miles southeast of Prestonsburg.

Blond prof. delays visit to H.U. grad

*After American
Opposes*
living abroad with
Bettine,
ex-wife's Othello

NEW YORK—Dr. McChesney Goodall, white professor at Yale University Medical School, was given until Nov. 16 to show cause why his ex-wife, daughter of millionaire Marshall Field, should not be permitted to take their 9-year-old daughter to London to live with the colored Howard University student to whom the professor's one-time

issue will be injected into this case."

But in papers filed by Schachner for Goodall the attorney himself brings up the question of race in these words:

"We have not been able to ascertain much about the fitness of Mr. Bruce, the new husband of the petitioner. I am informed that Mr. Bruce is of a different race than the other party, namely, that he is of the colored race."

Arbitration Requested

Because she wants to join her husband in the non-segregated community of Bromley, Kent, and take the child with her, Mrs. Bruce is seeking also to have the issue submitted to arbitration.

She disclosed in her petition that Goodall receives income from a \$400,000 trust fund created for their daughter, and "would be well able to afford two annual trips to England to visit Bettine if he so desires."

Mrs. Bruce contended that while Bruce was in Howard University, he lived at the school and she lived in her home at Huntington, L.I. She conceded that little Bettine has had only slight and casual contacts with her foster father, but added that she likes him.

Bruce Quiet Student

The Howard University graduate, whose marriage made international news recently, was described "as quiet and unassuming" by those who knew him on the Howard campus.

The students on the Howard campus told the AFRO that Mr. Bruce was not active in campus affairs and lived in the temporary veteran dormitory on the campus.

"You would never guess that Bruce was married to a wealthy girl even though it had been rumored that he had a white wife," one of the students said.

Handsome, Thrifty

"However, you could have knocked me down with a feather when I read in the AFRO recently that he was married to a millionaire daughter."

The fellow seem to be real thrifty and use to eat at a cheap joint we called the 'greasy spoon.'

Mr. Bruce was said to be a six footer, weighed about 190 pounds of medium brown-skinned complexion and slightly on the handsome side.

C-Plus Average

Schachner said Goodall, as "a man of science, is entirely free of racial prejudice, and no racial

ate professor of psychology, recalled that Bruce took an advance course in psychology entitled *Physiological Psychology* during the spring semester.

"I don't discuss my students," Dr. Meenes said when asked about Mr. Bruce. It was reported that Bruce is studying psychology abroad under Anna Frued, daughter of Sigmund Frued.

A check with the public relation office revealed that Bruce majored in psychology and finished with a C-plus average.

His closest Washington friend was said to be Hurlan Warren of the 2700 block Georgia ave., nw, who was unavailable for comment.

Marshall Field's Daughter

Heiress to Join Negro Husband

ther party from taking the girl out of the country.

NEW YORK—(P)—Mrs. Bettine Field Bruce, daughter of the publisher and department store magnate, Marshall Field, is seeking court permission to take her daughter by a previous marriage to England to rejoin her present husband, a Negro.

The 30-year-old Mrs. Bruce says that because of racial difference she did not elect to live with her husband, Eldridge Bruce, 34, in a segregated community in Washington, D.C., while he was studying at Howard University. Bettine's well-being would be best served if he and I lived apart, I in my home in Huntington (N.Y.) and he at Howard University, rather than together in a segregated community in or near Washington . . . Accordingly, we have lived apart since our marriage, a sacrifice we were willing to make . . . for Bettine.

However, she says he is now studying in London and that they have bought a home in England in a non-segregated community.

Miami, Fla.
Mrs. Bruce's action was disclosed in New York supreme court. It concerns her daughter, Bettine Goodall, 9, by her marriage to Dr. McChesney Goodall, Jr., a Yale medical school professor.

Custody of the girl was given Mrs. Bruce in 1947 when she obtained a Nevada divorce from Goodall. He was given rights of visitation in an agreement providing arbitration if a dispute arose.

Thurs. 10-29-53
In her action, Mrs. Bruce is seeking to compel Goodall to arbitrate her wish to take the child to England. Goodall contends that the custody agreement specifically prohibits ei-

a moral certainty that if Bettine at her present age were to be separated from me for any appreciable time her happiness and well being and in all probability her health would suffer."

'It Was Love At First Sight'



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest O. Briggs, retired engineer and lawyer, pose in a happy domestic scene after their surprise in-terracial marriage in Detroit recently. Briggs, 67-year-old

is a cousin of the late Walter O. Briggs Sr., builder of the vast Briggs manufacturing empire and owner of the Detroit

Barmaid Wed To Auto Heir

Gets Nuptial Gifts
Exceeding \$80,000

DETROIT—The elderly white cousin of the late automobile body company magnate, Walter O. Briggs, who was owner of the Detroit Tigers baseball team and Briggs stadium, married a 32-year-old colored barmaid here last week and bestowed property upon her worth more than \$80,000.

He is Ernest O. Briggs, who signed his age as 71 on the marriage license, after he had placed the ring on the finger of attractive Mrs. Alberta Sheffield, a divorcee and the mother of two small boys, who formerly was employed as a mixologist at Sunny Wilson's Mark Twain lounge on St. Antoine st.

The Rev. Horace White, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church, officiated at the nuptials, which were witnessed by Horace J. Rodgers, attorney, who handled all of the property and legal transactions, and Dr. Carl Shaw, the new Mrs. Briggs' family physician.

Lavish Wedding Gifts

Briggs, a retired engineer and lawyer, presented his wife with a three-family home at 3806 Pennsylvania st., where they live, a two-family flat, a new automobile, a silver blue mink coat and several pieces of property valued at \$80,000.

Briggs, a habitue of East Side night clubs who is well known because of his generous spending, met Mrs. Sheffield recently at a party staged by Sunnie Wilson, who is a close friend of the wealthy man.

Club owners reported he often spent from \$500 to \$1,000 nightly when he visited the spots and tipped waitresses \$20 to \$50.

Couple Elopes But Cops Step In And Delay Honeymoon

DETROIT—A 30-year-old white woman auto worker and a 32-year-old colored man employed in the same automobile plant found themselves in the hands of the police department last week after their elopement to Toledo, Ohio, where they were secretly married.

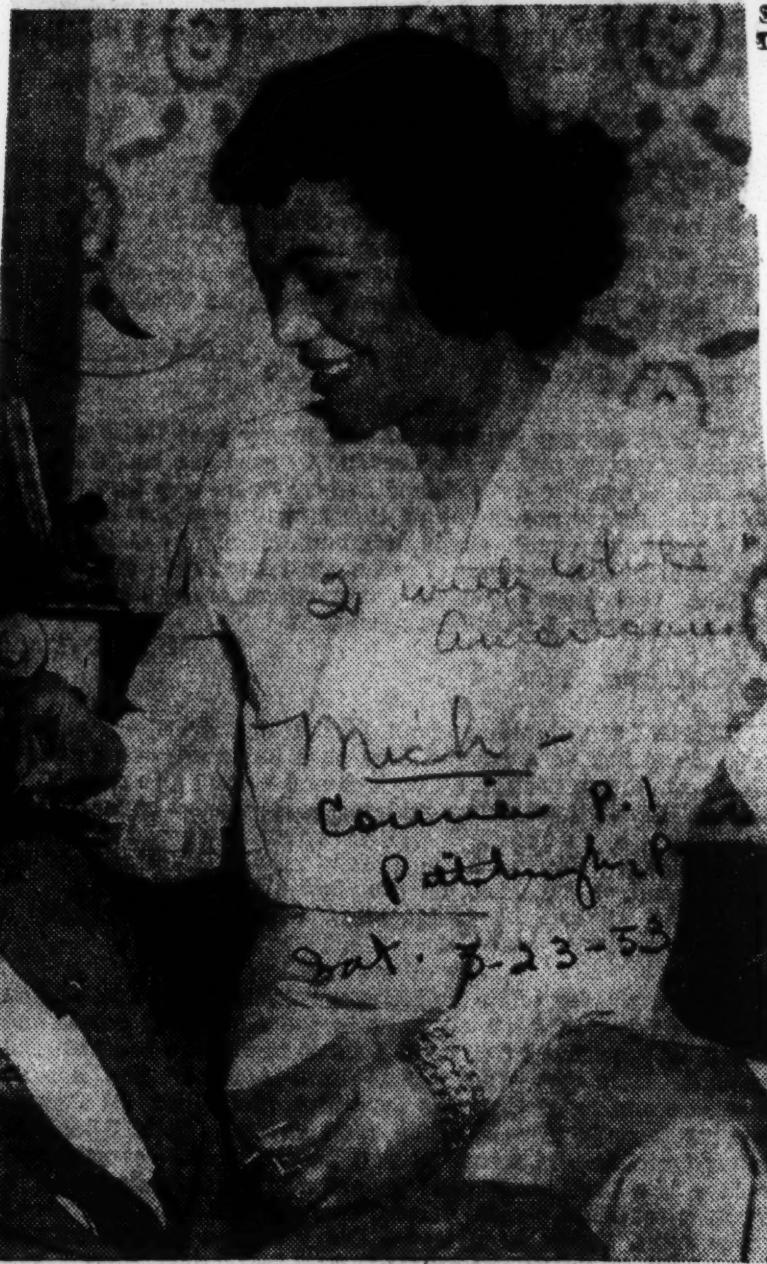
Police said both are parents of three children.

Frank Ennis stood mute before Judge O. Z. Ide on the charge of marrying one to whom marriage is prohibited.

Mrs. Bernice Bladdick pleaded guilty before the same judge on the charge of polygamy.

Both were placed under \$500 bond.

Millionaire's Bride Rather Be Barmaid



Back to the Bar—Mrs. Alberta Briggs is shown lighting a cigarette for her husband, Ernest O. Briggs, reportedly wealthy retired lawyer and

cousin of the late Walter O. Briggs, shortly after their surprise wedding early this year in Detroit. She has returned to her former occupation, barmaid.

Barmaid Says

OK by Her Rich Mate!

By ERNIE DURHAM

DETROIT—It has been a speedy round trip for the comely mixologist who last January became the wife of the reputedly mink and other costly clothing to

wealthy first cousin of the late Walter O. Briggs, builder of the vast Briggs industrial empire and owner of the Detroit Tigers.

The former Alberta Sheffield, 32, whose surprise marriage to Ernest O. Briggs, 74, was headlined in the nation's press, is tending bar again.

Just four months ago, as the bride of the retired lawyer, she was showered by her husband with fabulous finery, a silver blue

would make me happy. To go back to work, he'd be happier, too," he said. Briggs, partially paralyzed, enthusiastically agreed.

"That's what she wanted to do. She's happy going to work and I am, too," he remarked.

"Everything's just fine now. My husband told me that it

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**'Marriage Is
First' Says
Pearl's Mate.**

The happiest man in Chicago on Jan. 9 will be Louis Bellson, Duke Ellington's drummer, when his bride of a month, Pearl Bailey joins the band for an engagement at the Regal theatre.

Bellson who is regarded as one of the best drummers in the business, told newsmen he would quit the drums, the orchestra or anything that would threaten his marriage. *1-3-53*

He said his mother in Moline, Ill., "knows Pearl very well and respects her to the maximum as a woman and a singer." The drummer added that he hoped his father, a music publisher, will become reconciled to the marriage. *2-4-10-53*

QUESTIONS FLORIDA JUSTICE:

**Singer Sues White Wife
Who's Already Suing Him**

NEW YORK — Lee Brown, a singer, has brought suit in Supreme Court here to keep his white wife from suing for divorce in Florida, where, he contends, because of his race, he cannot get a trial.

Brown also claims it would be "suicide" to bring custody of their two-year-old child in the Florida court. The infant is now staying with the wife's mother in Long Island. *2-4-10-53*

In an affidavit filed by his attorney, Edward W. Jacko, Brown declared that his mother-in-law will not allow him to see his child because he is colored.

The singer stated that when he returned from a one-year musical tour of Europe and Canada in November, 1951, he found that his wife, Mrs. Geraldine Brown, "had become addicted to dope."

In April, 1952, Brown stated, his wife was arrested in Florida for narcotics and sentenced to two years in the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, W. Va. where she still is.

Last December, while in jail, Mrs. Brown began divorce proceedings, returnable in Florida because of her short residence in that state. Brown claims that both he and his wife were residents of New York State and therefore the action should be tried here.

Last January, the singer began his own divorce action against his wife, in which he accused her of misconduct with various men here and with one man at the Roney-Plaza Hotel in Miami Beach.

**Marriage Bared
In Custody Fight**



MRS. BETTINE BRUCE



ELDRIDGE BRUCE

NEW YORK — The daughter of Marshall Field millionaire publisher and department store magnate has revealed her two year old marriage to a Negro student in opening a court fight to keep her family together.

Mrs. Bettine Field Bruce, 30, has asked court permission to take her daughter by a former marriage to England where they will join her husband, Eldridge Bruce, 30, who is now studying at the University of London. *Leopoldo*

Mrs. Bruce says she is expecting a child in December.

She and Bruce have been living apart for the past two years for the sake of her daughter, Bettine Goodall, 9, Mrs. Bruce said. Now she wants to take the child to London, where the family can live in an unsegregated community. *Leopoldo*

Bruce, a veteran of World War II was graduated from Howard uni-

versity in Washington, last June, with a degree in psychology. He was described by a campus source as a "nice young man with about a coverage." *2-3-11-7-53*

Bruce is the son of Roger Bruce, 375 Manhattan ave., Washington. He could not be reached for comment on his daughter-in-law's suit.

The young couple owns a house in Bromley, Kent, a suburb of London which Mrs. Bruce describes as non-segregated. Bruce is doing work in child psychology in Hampstead, England.

His wife's affidavit said: "We are expecting a baby in December.



BETTINE GOODALL

I intend to join Mr. Bruce at our home in Bromley as soon as I can so that we can be together when the baby arrives."

Mrs. Bruce's plea is opposed by her former husband, Dr. McChesney Goodall, jr., a Yale university professor. He said the agreement giving Mrs. Bruce custody of their daughter prevents either parent from taking the girl out of the country. Mrs. Bruce's family bears one of the most famous names in Chicago. Besides founding the exclusive department store bearing the name of the first Marshall Field, the family has until recently held vast interests in textile mills, and has extensive real estate holdings.

Her father and brother have served as publishers of the Sun-Times, a daily newspaper, and millions from the family fortune have gone into the Field foundation, a non-profit social and civic research organization which recently gave \$100,000 to the University of Chicago to study slum control. *Leopoldo*

In recent years, the Field family has been known as much for its liberalism as for its multimillion dollar wealth. *2-3-11-7-53*

Bruce and the heiress were married in a hush-hush Virgin Island rendezvous in December, 1951.

Dr. Goodall, a native Southerner, said he will challenge his

former wife's right to take the child to live with Bruce on the grounds that the interracial couple would not provide a "happy" home for his child.



IN HAPPIER DAYS—Mr. and she had plans for a divorce Mrs. Ernest O. Diggs as they from him, she admitted last posed happily following their week that she and her husband marriage last January when they said. "It was love at first sight."

Rich hubby, barmaid apart

Afro-American
Been separated

3 months, she says

DETROIT — Although the pretty barmaid who made headlines during the first of this year when she married the scion of one of the wealthiest families in Detroit, denies that

Mrs. Alberta Briggs, 33, of 3807 Pennsylvania ave., told reporters that she did not contemplate divorce action at this time against Ernest Briggs, 67-year-old semi-invalid, who for the past three months has been living in Muskegon, Mich., in one of the three homes owned by the couple.

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Mrs. Briggs, who lives with her mother in a home given her by her husband for a wedding present, while denying divorce plans, confessed to reporters that properties owned by them are being disposed of as buyers appear. Included are six lots, covering 20 acres, in addition to three homes. Two of the homes have already been sold.

Mrs. Briggs, a barmaid in Sonny Wilson's tavern before her marriage to the wealthy socialite, says that the extensive publicity — some of it adverse — had put the marriage under a severe strain.

She said the separation came about "naturally," and that Mr. Briggs had been extremely co-operative.

Although she states that she is now looking for a job, she adds that she doesn't think she'd like to go back to tending bar.

She recalled that under the name of Alberta Sheffield she had enjoyed moderate success as an interpretive dancer in Boston some years ago, and added that with all the publicity she has been receiving, there is a chance some night club owner will hire her as a dancer.

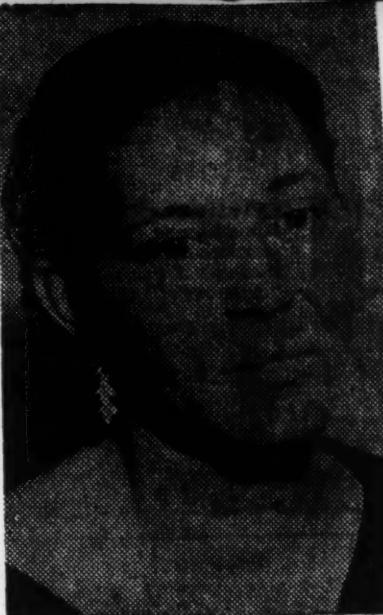
1st Wife Sues Heiress 2nd Marriage Called Illegal

PHILADELPHIA — A new note was added last week to the celebrated marriage of an heiress to the Marshall Field fortune and a former Pullman porter with the disclosure by the latter's former wife, now living in South Philadelphia, that a considerable time before he divorced the Philadelphia woman.

The latest information came after it was disclosed that Mrs. Virginia Reid Bruce, 31, of 1143 South Dorrance Street, had petitioned in Common

Pleas Court 4 to have her divorce from Eldridge Bruce invalidated on the grounds he obtained it illegally.

Bruce presently lives with his wealthy wife, Bettine Field Goodall Bruce, in London. Another aspect of the tangled affair is that Bettine's former



VIRGINIA REID BRUCE
... the voice from the past
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BETTINE FIELD BRUCE
... London blues is falling down!

husband, Yale Prof. MacChesney Goodall Jr., is engaged in a separation battle in New York for custody of their daughter, also named Bettine, charging that his ex-wife's present husband may not be "fit to be head of the household" in which Goodall's child is to be raised.

For a short time, after Bruce got out of the service in 1946, the Bruces lived at 2046 Bainbridge Street. He went back to Pittsburgh, where he lived before his military hitch, and got a job again as Pullman porter.

THE PRESENT Mrs. Bruce answered Goodall's court action with a claim that he could very well afford to visit little Bettine in England since he draws annual income from \$400,000 trust fund put up for the girl. Little Bettine will receive the fund when she is 25, a stipulation of the divorce agreement.

Bruce divorced Virginia in

November, 1948, but in an interview last night at her trim little row house on Dorrance Street, the petite secretary said her ex-husband then knew Bettine Goodall, later to become Bettine Bruce, as well as Dr. Goodall.

As a matter of fact they were acquainted at least a year before that, for Bruce's mother, Mrs. Mamie Payne, worked as a domestic in the Goodall household in Lynchburg, Va., where Bruce and Virginia were married in 1939 and where Bruce obtained his divorce in 1948.

WHEN THE Goodalls moved to Huntington, Long Island, N. Y., the South Philadelphia woman said last night, Bruce's mother went with them and Bruce continued seeing the woman who later was to become his wife.

"I met Bettine Goodall myself, as a matter of fact," Virginia recalled.

Asked about her knowledge of the extent of her ex-husband's acquaintance at that time, Mrs. Bruce replied:

"I know they knew each other. They saw each other many times. I cannot tell you any more than that. Eldridge's mother worked for Mrs. Goodall. He was in and out of their house. In the fall of 1947, when they were on Long Island, Eldridge went to school in New York."

Virginia's lawyer, Abram Piwosky, said yesterday Bruce started divorce proceedings in the spring of 1948 and in November of that year it was granted in the Circuit Court at Lynchburg. He charged desertion. In her petition she claims she received no notice of taking of depositions in the action, and said she tried to make a reconciliation with her husband, but he turned her down.

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